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Horseradish farming still thrives

Area climate,
soil perfect
environment

By Val McDowell
Staff writer

The horseradish season is upon us, and many area farmers and agriculture specialists are evaluating the state of the root.

The growing season for the pungent root, which is related to the mustard and beet plants, usually runs from May to late fall. About half of the crop is harvested before the winter freeze in October, and the other half is taken in between January and March.

The double harvest is done for two reasons: first, for storage purposes; and second, to spread out the income throughout the year.

Horseradish has been a staple crop for farmers from Collinsville and the surrounding area since the late 1800s. That is because the condition of the ground promotes its growth and is conducive to its needs.

Farmer Robert Gerstenecker, who is in charge of the horseradish studies program for the St. Clair/Madison Cooperative Extension with the University of Illinois, said the area is perfect for the crop.

"The ground of the area is a loose soil that promotes root growth in the American Bottoms, which is most of this area," he said. "It is a very rich soil, though horseradish can be grown almost anywhere."

He said approximately two-thirds of the nation's supply of horseradish comes from St.



Horseradish farmers John Keller and Chris Doll say the vegetable needs to be promoted.

Clair and Madison counties where there is roughly 1,500 to 2,000 acres of land devoted to it.

That sounds like a lot, but it is minor compared to other crops in the same two counties. Farmers in St. Clair and Madison County also grow soybeans, wheat and corn. The Illinois Department of Agriculture keeps figures on those crops, but not on horseradish because it is not considered significant enough.

According to the department, 110,000 acres in St. Clair County are devoted to soy-

beans, the most of all crops. Corn is next with 87,000 acres, followed by wheat with 51,000.

In Madison County, the horseradish plant comes a poor fourth as well, though again, the department keeps no official statistics. There are 121,000 acres of soybeans in Madison, 95,000 of corn, and 47,000 of wheat.

Though these figures haven't changed in several years, there have been changes to the approach some farmers have taken to the horseradish plant.

John Keller, a longtime

farmer and expert on the horseradish, said one of the biggest changes he has seen over the years is that fewer farmers are getting into the business, but the franchises owning the farms are getting bigger.

"From what I've seen, there's just as much of the plant being grown today as when my family started over 50 years ago, but by fewer farmers," he said. "They are not being passed down from generation to generation."

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Old bridge gets new life

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge reopens

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Since the late 1960s it has been the site of occasional drunken teen-age parties, a science fiction movie and a double murder.

But on Saturday, the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge will get a second chance, and within a few years, it may shine as the centerpiece of a major trail system.

METRO EAST

The bridge is undergoing a \$4 million restoration and renovation by Trailnet Inc. It will reopen Saturday at 10 a.m. as the longest pedestrian/bicycle bridge in the world.

"It's going to be a great event; we're really looking forward to the opening," said Ted Curtis, executive director of Trailnet. "The Old Chain of Rocks Bridge is an important historic landmark and many people hold dear memories of its heyday."

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Dispute continues

Venice School Board remains in turmoil

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

If there was any warm fuzzy feeling in the Venice School District after the May 13 board meeting, it appears to have dissipated.

At that meeting, Dr. Rudy Wilson and Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Harry Briggs came to

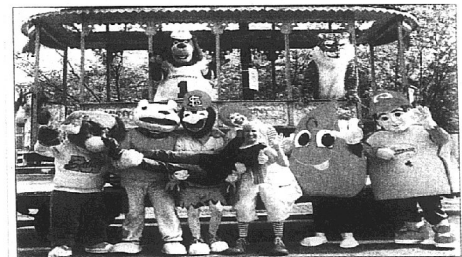
the meeting, and Wilson led a session in goal-setting and problem solving.

While Briggs said afterward that the meeting seemed to go well, Thursday's Board meeting showed that little has changed within the district.

However, a series of 6-1 and 5-2 votes aimed at limiting action by Superintendent James Doughty showed that some of the factionalism on

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Red Cross Rally



Rick Graefe photo

Some of the "famous faces" who will greet donors at the annual American Red Cross Famous Faces/Famous Places Family Blood Drive include Fredbird, Ronald McDonald and KMOX-AM (1120) radio personality Nan Wyatt. See story, Page 5A

Hot crop takes center stage at festival this weekend

By Val McDowell
Staff writer

The hot attraction this week in Collinsville will be the horseradish crop as it takes center stage June 5 and 6 in Woodland Park.

Area residents are gearing up for the 12th Annual International Horseradish Festival.

Area residents gear up for 12th Annual International Horseradish Festival

The festival, which started as a sort of afterthought when two farmers talked up the plant on radio WRYT in 1988, is highlighted this year by a couple of new activities, as well as traditional events.

Again this year, there will be the Little Miss Horseradish, and the Little Mister Horseradish pageants, as well as food contests, entertain-

ment, and sporting activities spread throughout the weekend.

The newest happening on the festival's agenda this year will be the bocce ball contest, held at Fletcher's Field Saturday morning.

Roy Milam, who is overseeing the tournament, said it is an enjoyable game imported from Italy that anyone can

play. Sign-up for the game begins at 10 a.m. June 5.

Also on tap for festival goers is "root golf" where a well-aimed 50-yard shot can score a highly desired "hole in one" with a frozen horseradish root.

There will be pony rides for the younger set, and crafts,

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Police, residents urged to pool efforts on crime

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

Communities and their police departments must work together to reduce crime, Harold Johnson, administrative coordinator of BAC's Criminal Justice and Training Department, recently told the Tri-City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Johnson was the guest speaker at the Chamber's Law Enforcement dinner, held in May at Gregory's Hall in Granite City.

"There is a great need for the community to be an integral part of the police effort," he said. "Our community members must

work together with and lend support to our law enforcement officials. The role of the police and the community is a powerful one."

The audience included members of the Granite City, Madison, Venice and Pontoon Beach police departments, as well as the Madison County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police.

Johnson said the police departments have changed dramatically since the early 1960s, and now most officers are better equipped, educated and trained. But, he said, as effective as they are, police cannot combat



Dr. Harold Johnson, left, receives an award from RC Bush at the Law Enforcement dinner.

crime without community involvement.

"The community needs the police and the police need the community," he said. Johnson came to Belleville Area College in 1973 as an instructor in the Administration of Justice

program. In 1984, he became an administrator at BAC's Granite City Campus. He served as dean of instruction and vice provost until he was promoted to provost in the fall of 1998. A year later he returned to the justice program.

District works on computerized plan

Program will give bus passengers information on routes to take

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A computerized system to give Madison County Transit District customers the easiest or fastest routes to take is expected to be available by the end of summer.

At Thursday's MCT board meeting, Managing Director Jerry Kane and Director of Operations Todd Plesko updated the board on the system.

At that time, Kane said the district uses paper maps and timetables to explain routes to customers. With the new system, a customer would give them their address or starting point, and when and where they want to go.

The computer would print out a timetable, maps and alternates involving buses, Metrolink and other options. That information could then be told to the customers, mailed or e-mailed to them.

Kane said the new technology would be "a dramatic improvement for commuters, and the Bi-State Development Agency is also putting the new system into place."

"It's really fast," Kane said. He added that even if a trip requires several transfers, the information is available quickly.

Plesko said the cost of the system is about \$200,000, and is being paid out of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds. Those are federal funds used to make improvements in the transit system that will improve air quality.

It will probably be the end of summer before we have all the schedules and routes in," he said. "By the end of the summer we will have the ability to have regional capabilities."

During discussion of the new system, Trustee Dan Corbett asked if kiosks using the system could be set up at the district's transfer centers.

Bi-State representative Tom Sturgess said they had tried that at several Metrolink stops, but had to stop because the terminals became damaged.

Plesko also said that because with the existing software addresses had to be typed in, it would be difficult to do.

Donations sought

The Urban League's 1999 Youth Development Fund will continue taking donations until Aug. 31.

The fund's purpose is to improve the skills and confidence of low-income young people to prepare them for life. The fund supports existing and new programs.

The fund's motto is "Our Children. Equal Our Destiny."

The Urban League presented 13 youth groups with \$2,000 each on Feb. 26. The group also issued the annual "State of Our Children" report.

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Police log

Venice

• Stolen vehicle A brief police chase ended in the arrest of two 14-year-old Venice girls on auto theft charges last Tuesday evening.

The two, both residents of the Venice campus area, were passengers in a stolen car that was recovered by police following a brief chase along Illinois 3, Bend Road and Illinois 203.

According to reports, Venice police responded to a radio request for assistance by a Madison County sheriff's deputy chasing a stolen car along Illinois 3 near Brooklyn.

The chase continued until the driver lost control after striking an embankment along Illinois 203. The driver fled, but the two passengers were apprehended.

Police reported that the vehicle — a 1984 Oldsmobile coupe — had a broken passenger-side window, and the steering column was damaged.

The two girls were released to their parents, while the sheriff's department investigates the case.

Granite City

• Disorderly conduct Harry Briggs III, 30, of the first block of Thomas Court, Granite City, was charged May 22 with one count of disorderly conduct.

According to a police report, Briggs told employees of Pizza World, located on Johnson Road, that he was "strapped" (armed with a gun) as he reached for the waist of his pants. Briggs received a six-day sentence in the Madison County Jail because the misdemeanor charge follows an earlier violation regarding his drug court supervision in Madison County.

• Disorderly conduct Brian Thomas, 31, of rural Granite City was charged Thursday with aggravated assault.

Thomas allegedly struck an individual several times with a baseball bat at about 4:30 p.m. in the 2200 block of Bryan. The victim was treated at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and later released.

The two allegedly exchanged obscenities before Thomas struck the victim.

Legislation aims at criminal loopholes

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Loopholes found and used by area criminals prompted successful legislative drives by two local representatives last week.

Legislation designed by state Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Belleville, increases penalties for sex offenders who coerce children and legislation sponsored by state Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenview, allows prosecutors to file felony charges against people who steal or tamper with anhydrous ammonia.

Both measures have been approved by the legislature and are expected to be signed into law by Gov. George Ryan. Holbrook's measure was prompted by a 1998 case in St. Clair County when a convicted sex offender coerced a child into removing her clothing. Because he had not actually touched the child he could only

be charged with a misdemeanor. Under the new legislation, prosecutors can now charge a convicted sex offender in the same situation with a Class 4 felony punishable by up to three years in prison.

"As far as I'm concerned we should lock these guys up and throw away the key," Holbrook said. "If they are going to be released, I want to make sure that our children are protected."

Watson's measure is designed to help halt theft of anhydrous ammonia, a common farm chemical, by persons who use it in illegal methamphetamine labs. Missouri is said to be a "hotbed" for the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine — commonly called "meth" or "crank" — using the ammonia and over-the-counter cold medications in the process.

State Police give away cards

The Illinois State Police District 11 in Collinsville is participating for the first time this summer in the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Card Giveaway program. A total of 3,000 sets of 81,000 cards will be given away by District 11 personnel. The purpose of the program is to promote positive interaction between police officers and young citizens.

The front of each card features an action photo of a St. Louis Cardinals player.

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Woman meets man who save her life

By Becky Garrison
Staff writer

A Mascoutah woman met face to face last week with the man who shocked her back into her body.

Doris Burgard, 68, collapsed May 3 as she stood in line to buy a few shirts at Famous Barr in St. Clair Square.

Despite the efforts of other shoppers and store employees to revive her, Fairview Heights Patrolman Edgar Ellis ended up using one of the two defibrillators his department purchased in February to save Burgard's life.

Fairview Heights has trained eight of its officers to use the defibrillator. The rescue was the first with the new equipment not commonly used by police.

Burgard said she remembers little about that day or the days following when she lay in critical condition at Bellevue Memorial Hospital.

Those around her recounted how Famous Barr employees alerted mall security and how other customers and employees tried to resuscitate her and how Ellis arrived with the

defibrillator, shocking her back to life.

"It was very scary when I found out what happened," said Burgard, who is recovering at home with her husband, Les. "I appreciate that he (officer Ellis) saved my life. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him and that equipment."

Burgard was released from Memorial Hospital just 10 days after her heart attack and now has an internal defibrillator implanted in her chest.

"I hope the equipment they placed inside me works as well as the equipment used to bring me back," she said.

Ellis said he was on the scene within two minutes and another officer was giving Burgard oxygen while store employees and customers administered CPR.

"The staff at Famous Barr were extremely helpful," Ellis said. "They posted employees at every door to help me locate her. They go out to Famous Barr."

Martin Morrissey of Edwardsville was trying on a suit when he observed Burgard had fallen.



Becky Garrison photo
Doris Burgard meets Fairview Heights patrolman Edgar Ellis less than one month after he saved her life.

Morrissey cleared her airway and administered mouth to mouth resuscitation while a mall security guard did chest compressions until Ellis arrived with the defibrillator.

Barbara Richmond, a sales associate in men's wear, assisted by monitoring Burgard's pulse. "Thank God the police had that equipment," Morrissey said.

Business licenses for 2 restaurants held up

Business licenses for two bar/restaurants were held up while the Madison County Health Department inspected the kitchens of

both establishments. Jeffrey Lamm of St. Charles, Mo., had requested a license for Brewskey's, a restaurant and nightclub at

77 Chouteau Trace Parkway, the old Shooters 270 building. Also requesting a business license was Linda Castile of Granite City, for Linda's Hot Spot, 3666 Illinois 111.

Both licenses were expected to be considered at a special meeting set for Friday.

The Pontoon Beach Village Board also was to consider the hiring of a part-time dispatcher for the police department.

At last Tuesday's meeting it approved hiring a full-time dispatcher.

In other business Tuesday, the board approved a bid of \$12,513 from Option Computer Corp. for the installation of an integrated computer system for both the City Hall and police department.

The cost of the City Hall system was \$9,997, while the police department cost was \$2,516.

In other business, the board concurred with the Board of Zoning Appeals to allow a setback variance for Robert and Tina Duffield of 19 Fontainebleau.

The couple had requested the variance to allow the construction of an attached garage and sunroom to their house.

A hearing was held May 30 at the site, and nobody objected to the request, which was approved unanimously by the Zoning Board.

Village told to place floodplain deed restrictions

Battle with FEMA continues

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Village Board has been advised that it should go ahead with plans to place restrictions in the deeds of properties involved in floodplain violations, as well as restrict development

In a letter to the board read at last week's meeting, Thomas Wobbe, executive director of the Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission, said the agency's recommendations — first presented more than one year ago — still should be followed.

The problem stems from a lack of enforcement of rules regarding floodplain areas. About eight properties in the Timberlake Subdivision are affected. The homes have basements that were built below the 100-year floodplain.

Other homes in the subdivision were built later without basements. The village has been battling the Federal Emergency

Management Agency for almost 10 years over those and other violations, and FEMA has threatened several times to revoke or place on probation the village's flood insurance status.

In his letter, Wobbe said that the village should place restrictions on the property deeds of affected homes identifying those residences in violation. The village also should restrict any development — such as family rooms or bedrooms — in the basements of those homes.

"I believe these suggestions are still valid today as a way for the village to meet the federal regulations that pertain to this area."

The village had sought a letter of map reduction, which would have redrawn the 100-year floodplain, to exclude all the homes, but FEMA refused.

Wobbe said that although it has been suggested that the village apply again for a LOMR, "unless there is additional engineering data available, there would be no reason for FEMA to change its original denial."

Falter to replace resigning Whitsell

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Former Pontoon Beach Trustee Gus Falter, who decided against seeking re-election in April, has been asked to replace Trustee Lou Whitsell, who submitted his resignation at Tuesday's meeting.

Falter first was elected to the board four years ago. He said he "felt great" about being reappointed.

He had declined to run again this year, in part because both Jim Denham, newly elected trustee of Pontoon Beach, and former Trustee Randy Presswood, who ran against Denham and incumbent Glen Wilson for mayor, had asked him to run on their tickets. "I didn't want to hinder the progress of either one of them," Falter said.

Falter said he is very pleased at the direction the board is taking. "I think they're going to do super. That's one of the reasons why I'm enthused about it," he said. "There is a healthy attitude; the attitude of everybody has improved."

Falter, 70, is the owner of GF Fritting, Village Board

trustee is the only elected officer he has held. Whitsell, 62, announced earlier this month that he would be moving out of the village and resigning from the board. He said he was moving to a 20-acre farm.

"I'm raising donkeys, llamas, sheep, goats, chickens, guinea pigs, turkeys and peacocks," he said.

"I have a four-bedroom home (in Pontoon Beach), I've raised my family there, and they're all grown," he said. "It's just too big for my wife and I."

Whitsell started in politics in the 1960s when he complained about water conditions in Long Lake at Village Board meetings. While trying to clean up the lake, Whitsell said, he went to the township and county, but nobody would do anything, so he ran against them.

He first was elected as a Democratic precinct committeeman in 1968, then Nameoki Township clerk, township supervisor, a member of the County Board of Supervisors and later the County Board.

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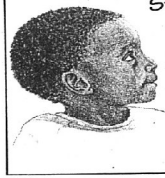


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Department for a program the department established to finance projects for children living in and around Kirkpatrick Homes. The money will be used to help fund equipment for a bantam baseball team.

Food pantry reopens
Foursquare Community Food Pantry, 4397 Illinois 162, has reopened.

Pantry hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For more information call the Rev. Eddie Linhart at 931-0295 or 451-9635.

Parish picnic set
St. Elizabeth Catholic School will hold its annual parish picnic June 11-13. The church is located at 2300 Pontoon Road.

The picnic will include carnival rides, bingo and games for children and adults. A weekend pass will cost \$35 in advance or \$40 at the picnic. A single-day pass will cost \$12 in advance or \$15 at the picnic. Rides will cost \$1.25.

A fish fry will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Pigs in the blankets will be sold from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday. Chicken dinners will be sold from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

There will be oldies music from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, and polka from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday.

Bridge is part of 40-mile greenway

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Although impressive in its own right, the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge apparently is on its way to becoming a key piece in an even larger plan.

Recent actions by the Missouri and Illinois legislatures and other agencies are making that plan a reality. The bridge is expected to be the centerpiece of the Confluence Greenway, a 40-mile system of riverside parks and trails extending on both sides of the Mississippi River from the Gateway Arch in St. Louis to Alton, and up the Great River Road in Illinois to Grafton and Pere Marquette State Park.

If completed, the Greenway would have three major river crossings: the Clark Bridge in Alton; the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, and probably the Eads Bridge between East St. Louis and St. Louis.

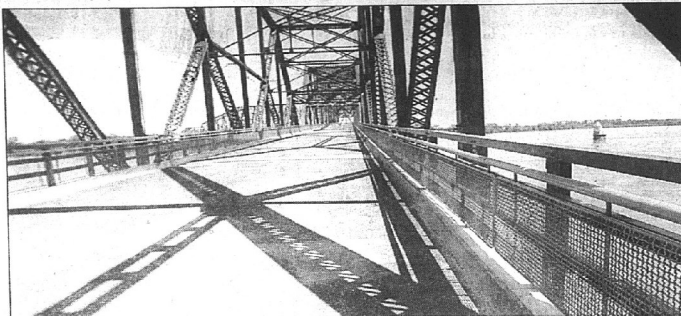
It also would connect almost 300 miles of completed or proposed trails stretching from Troy to the Katy Trail.

In Missouri, the system would run along the recently opened Riverfront Trail from the Gateway Arch to the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge. While that trail now ends about one mile from the bridge, a connecting trail is planned that will not be difficult or expensive to build, said Ted Curtis, executive director of Trailnet Inc., the agency renovating the bridge.

From the bridge north, a proposed trail would run through the Columbia Bottoms, recently purchased from St. Louis by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, to the Clark Bridge in West Alton.

It also would connect to the Katy Trail.

In Illinois, the Chain of Rocks Bridge would connect with the Confluence Greenway, a trail that would extend from near the Clark Bridge to Lock and Dam 26 in Granite City. That trail eventually would be



A view of the refurbished Old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

Tim Stephenson photo

extended to the Eads Bridge in East St. Louis, but it will have to wait until Illinois 3 is relocated through the railroad yards near Venice and Brooklyn.

To the north, the Confluence Trail would connect with the Vandalabene Trail that runs to Pere Marquette State Park, located north of Grafton. It also would connect with the Vandalabene Trail running from Pontoon Beach to Edwardsville, and the Schoolhouse Trail running from Madison to Troy. Other trails connecting to the system would be the Deloye Morris Trail in Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, the Ron Foster Heritage Trail in Glen Carbon and the MetroBikeLink along the St. Clair County MetroLink extension.

Both Vandalabene Trails have been completed. The Schoolhouse and Confluence trails are being engineered, with construction set to begin

sometime in the next year.

Plans for the trail system recently got a big boost when both the Illinois and Missouri legislatures approved enabling legislation to allow the creation of mirror park districts on both sides of the river.

Residents in Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties would be able to approve by referendum a one-tenth cent sales tax that would fund park improvements.

Curtis said he expects the issue to come before voters in the 2000 presidential election.

In addition to the Greenway, Trailnet has submitted a proposal for a nature preserve on Chouteau Island on the eastern side of the Chain of Rocks Bridge.

Trailnet had proposed using \$500,000 from a settlement fund involving Shell Oil as matching funds to obtain \$2.5 million in federal and state funds. A settlement fund is a fine or other penalty imposed on a

company. Instead of the money going to the government, it is given to outside agencies as grants.

If completed, the total project would include more than 600 acres of recreational and restored land, including 10 miles of mountain bike/hiking trails, five miles of equestrian paths, a 200-acre ecological restoration project and new fishing areas.

Much of the property in the proposed preserve now belongs to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, while other pieces of property would have to be purchased.

According to a preliminary proposal, Chouteau Island is considered a "prime candidate" for such a project.

A final decision on the funding request by Trailnet is expected sometime before July.

It is expected that Trailnet will receive part of the requested \$500,000 but will have to look elsewhere for the rest.

\$8.64 million award returned in trailer accident

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

A Glen Carbon woman and her husband have been awarded \$8.64 million for near-fatal injuries she suffered when a camper trailer broke away from a passing truck and slammed into her car.

Jurors in Madison County Circuit Court deliberated seven hours before returning the verdict at 1 a.m. Friday in favor of Debra K. and Paul Stayduhar.

Hit most heavily by the award is Dutton-Lainson Corp. of Hastings, Neb., the manufacturer of a trailer coupler that came unlatched as the trailer was being towed behind a pickup truck driving on Illinois Route 143, west of Marine, on April 16, 1997.

The jury awarded \$5 million in punitive damages against the company, whose net worth was deemed to be \$8 million to \$9 million. An appeal by the company is anticipated.

"I think it's a well-thought-out and fair verdict, rendered by a jury who clearly is sending a message to this coupler company that enough is enough," said the Stayduhars' attorney, Greg Becker of Granite City.

Becker maintained that the coupler was improperly designed and the subject of at least nine consumer

complaints since 1978. Despite that, the company did nothing to change it, he said.

Along with the punitive damages, the jury also awarded \$3,648,029 for actual damages and pain and suffering for the Stayduhars.

The fault was determined to be 30 percent Dutton-Lainson's and 70 percent that of an East Alton towing service, Body Busters Auto Sales.

Defendants representing Body Busters were owner Jay Greer and driver John W. Mill Jr.

The split in the percentage is key, Becker said. The law mandates that any time a party is found 25 percent or more at fault, the party is liable for the entire judgment, which could be important at collection time.

A third defendant, Troy Towing & Storage Inc. of Marine, was found not at fault by the jury.

Dutton-Lainson attorney Robert G. Wuller Jr. of Swansea said in a limited statement that an appeal is among the likely possibilities.

"We think the verdict is inappropriate and erroneous. We will seek post-verdict relief and will file the appropriate appeals, if necessary."

Any of the parties can file an appeal, including the plaintiff, who could seek to have Troy Towing & Storage reinstated as a liable party.

SU head pledges to follow recommendations

Staff report

Southern Illinois University President Ted Sanders said he agrees with and will use audit findings released Thursday by the Office of the Auditor General to improve operations on the Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses.

"We take these audits very seriously, and find they help us improve our day-to-day management," Sanders said.

Three of the 12 findings were highlighted in the report synopsis, and SU already has responded with plans to address them.

Ron Cremins, executive director of audits for SU, responded to a finding that the university's efforts to address the impact of the year 2000 are not fully adequate.

"The university continues its year 2000 compliance efforts with the implementation of Oracle," Cremins said. "As a backup, SIUC's mission-critical legacy systems are being modified to handle year 2000

conversion problems. At SIUC, over 90 percent of its mission-critical application systems already have been converted and tested successfully to ensure Y2K compliance. The remainder

will be completed in 1999. SIUC is currently taking inventory and testing every single microcomputer on its main campus to assure year

2000 compliance." "This is an isolated incident," Cremins said. "But we want to make sure everyone follows procedures."

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Horseradish farming thrives

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There has been speculation that the horseradish's future could be in danger. A principal problem, as for all plants, is the potential for disease. A recently discovered soil-borne fungus that could weaken the industry causes "verticillium root discoloration," which reduces the quality. Gerstenecker and other experts say if severe enough, the fungus renders the root unmarketable. But is speculation of a potential demise exaggerated, or is it rooted in fact?

"It depends on which farmer you're talking about

as a whole industry. Some farmers don't have a problem with this, others would say up to 50 percent of their crops have been infected," Gerstenecker said.

Gerstenecker said he and other experts at the Extension office have been searching for a solution for years.

"One potential treatment we've used is a slow fumigation of the infected plants, which is very expensive and doesn't always take care of the problem," he said.

He said the most practical solution could result from an experiment he is working on now.

"In the last seven years,

the industry has initiated a program doing what is a type of breeding work."

He said that is combining various forms of the plant to create one resistant to the disease.

"Right now, we've got varieties that are showing some resistance, but we're not sure that we've got something that is 100 percent fool proof," he said. Despite the trends, as new uses are found for the plant the industry continues to try to market itself both to farmers and to attract new consumers. Chemical companies use the root and its various enzymes for numerous reasons.

Festival celebrates horseradish crop

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exhibits, live music and souvenirs for everyone else, young ones included.

If you have any questions concerning the history, use,

or status of the horseradish, or the festival itself, there will be a stand manned by experts, such as John Keller, whose family has been in the horseradish business for more than 55 years.

There will also be a horseradish root tossing contest in which participants see to who can throw the pungent root the farthest. There will also be the popular recipe contest. Participants can submit their favorite horseradish recipe to contest judges to see just whose dish tangles the tongue the most.

The prizes for the contest are \$100 for first; \$75 second; \$50 for third; and \$25 fourth.

Another popular event is the poster contest, where 10 lucky artists compete for cash prizes. Those needing rides can use the shuttle bus services provided by the Madison County Transit System that will shuttle festival goers from the festival grounds and the North Junior High School on Illinois 159 in North Collinsville. Free parking is also available at the school.

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The old Chain of Rocks Bridge stands empty now, but will be the scene of a grand reopening this weekend.

Chain of Rocks Bridge reopening this week

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"The bridge's reopening and future links to a network of trails will create new memories of the bridge and the majestic Mississippi River for generations to come," he added.

The first 20 people to cross the bridge will be the winners of a contest seeking the most creative ways to travel across. Participants will blow thousands of "environmentally friendly bubbles" to celebrate the reopening.

The annual Earth Day

Festival will take place on the bridge from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will include exhibits, food, art and music.

After Saturday, the bridge will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends only through September.

The bridge, which is owned by the city of Madison and leased to Trailnet, was built as a toll bridge in 1929 and later became part of the fabled Route 66.

Because of the swiftness of the river current, the bridge was designed with a 22-degree bend to allow southbound riverboats to align with the current, slip between the piers and avoid striking two water towers in midstream just south

of the bridge. Because of the narrow lanes, it was common for drivers to be forced to stop and back up to allow oncoming trucks to negotiate the sharp bend.

The bridge closed in 1968 following the opening of the Interstate 270 Chain of Rocks Bridge. It became a common site for parties and was used in the filming of bridge scenes for the movie "Escape From New York." It also was the scene of a double murder almost 10 years ago that forced the city to close off the entrances.

Trailnet leased the bridge from the city in 1996 and began a \$4 million restoration project.

Venice School Board remains in turmoil

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the board may be breaking down. The first three hours of the

meeting consisted of a series of arguments between Superintendent James Doughty and board member James Harrell on one side, and board members Tyrone Q. Echols, Metro Pierson and Bill Tyler

on the other. Echols said several times that he did not trust the Doughty and accused him of poor leadership.

Pierson and Tyler questioned both Doughty and Harrell. Several times the questions resulted in three-and-four-way arguments among board members.

Harrell repeatedly said the board was "dilly-dallying." Board President Alvester Salmond attempted on several occasions to quell the arguments, but was unsuccessful.

Board members Karen Markins and Sandra Harris had little to say during the meeting.

With the exception of the minutes, almost every issue brought up resulted in arguments that were often heated.

One ongoing argument involved advertisements for open positions.

The district had placed ads costing several thousand dollars in several papers, and Pierson said she had requested copies of the bills and ads almost a month ago.

Doughty said that a copy of the bill was available in her packet or through the board office, but said the papers had not given the copies of the ads.

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New Glen Carbon board finally agrees on project

Main Street plan had divided village for two years

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Unanimous approval has finally been achieved by officials on a project that has divided Glen Carbon for nearly two years.

MADISON COUNTY At a special Village Board meeting May 24, trustees voted unanimously to hear a proposal on formulating a Main Street development plan.

"I was pleased with the outcome," said new Trustee Joe Parente. "I think we have a consensus. The whole Old Town effort can't proceed unless there's broad support."

Mayor Ron Foster agreed with Parente, adding that the three volunteer consultants each "have integrity, will be there to listen and will not be advocates to one side or the other."

Carlene Nolan-Pederson, an architect and urban designer from Edwardsville, is scheduled to meet with two other volunteers Thursday night and possibly bring back a plan to the Village Board in two weeks.

"I knew nobody at (Monday's) meeting," said Nolan-Pederson, an employee at Mackey Mitchell Associates of St.

Louis. "I had read about it in the newspaper. I had also gone through it and thought it was a quaint area, like where I grew up in Montana. I got a name of a trustee and called."

Nolan-Pederson will work with Michael Smith, the pastor at Glen Carbon-New Bethel United Methodist Church, and Ron Lowery, an attorney and member of New Bethel.

"If I can help (Glen Carbon), fine. If not, there are plenty of other things for me to do," Nolan-Pederson said. "If it gets nasty, there's no point in me continuing for me."

She said she came into the meeting with an open mind and said she has read very little about past problems on Main Street, which resulted in sharp disagreement among officials prior to this month's swearing in of new board members.

Also, residents have been concerned about the village's payments for a previous development plan that failed, as well as the allowance for eminent domain within the area's tax increment financing program. Past plans for the quiet, bedroom community have included construction of restaurants, antique stores and other shops.

On a smaller scale, I think (Main Street) has great potential," Nolan-Pederson said. "It's a wonderful little place that's just different than Illinois Route 159."

She said TIF works very well in a lot of places, but added that it can be a bad weapon.

"There's nothing inherently evil about TIF," Nolan-Pederson said. "If the situation has become an ugly monster, you may have to start at ground level again. I'm not making a recommendation to them about TIF. I just think the important thing for everybody is to regroup."

She said Smith's plan for a Village Board-appointed committee probably makes the plan more complicated than necessary.

"You need somebody to help produce a vision, but that vision needs to come from the people," Nolan-Pederson said.

Public workshops might be a way to begin planning, said Nolan-Pederson, who has worked on similar projects in Wood River and St. Louis.

She got a sense at Monday's meeting that residents and members of the grass-roots anti-TIF group, Concerned Citizens of Glen Carbon, still mistrust some local officials but want the project to continue.

FEMA urges construction of 'safe rooms' for tornadoes

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Killer tornadoes. Southwestern Illinois has seen its share through the years.

In the wake of recent killer tornadoes in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas — and in light of a national trend toward building houses without basements — the Federal Emergency Management Agency is urging construction of "safe rooms."

"While we can't stop tornadoes, we can build secure, easily accessible rooms in homes that can keep families safe from harm," said James Lee Witt, FEMA director.

Mark Fulford, president of Home Builders Association of Southwestern Illinois, said there has been a lot of discussion and touting of safe rooms, especially in the wake of high-profile tornadoes, "but to date, I've not had the first person inquire about one, either in a new home or remodeling."

"The \$64 question is, should they be voluntary, or is this something government needs to mandate?"

Despite the national trend, Fulford said the basement trend is just the opposite here. "Actually, what we've seen is eight to 10 years ago only 10 percent to 15 percent of new homes in the area had basements — the rest were built over a crawl space," he

said. "Today, 85 percent, maybe 90 percent of new homes have basements."

Some of the change is due to a substantial reduction in interest rates on home loans, he said, but the trend came from across the river. "In St. Louis, about 100 percent of the homes are built with basements. Some years

ago, we had a Missouri builder begin working over here and he brought the basement idea with him. So he kind of single-handedly made them a hot item."

Even though basements add from \$12,000 to \$20,000 to the cost of a house, Fulford said he sees no sign of their popularity waning.

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Control: First remove any thatch that is protecting the grubs, then use Diazinon.

Moles When you notice raised ridges in the lawn, it's a safe bet there are moles down there. They move about by tunneling under the soil surface. These little critters really don't mean any harm, but since they break off the grass roots with their tunneling, much damage can result.

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Slugs and Snails Symptoms of these are silvery trails in the morning. If you have ivy or dense ground cover, you should keep an eye out for them.

Control: Bug-Geta.

Sod Webworms Dead patches one to two inches in diameter are a good indication that these pests have made a home in your lawn. You can break apart the damaged areas to check for signs such as greenish-tan excrement.

Control: Diazinon, Dursban, Lawn Insect Spray.

Earthworms Symptoms are small mounds or clumps of soil that are scattered about. You'll probably see the worms after a heavy rain. Why? They don't like to get wet. Rain floods their underground homes, and all they're trying to do is escape the deluge. When everything dries out they go back.

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Tax credit act may help bring jobs to Metro East

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Illinois soon may have an edge when it comes to attracting high-paying jobs, but for the Metro East area, this EDGE may be more of a matter of just catching up.

The EDGE — Economic Development for a Growing Economy — Tax Credit Act was sent to Gov. George H. Ryan following unanimous approval by the Illinois Senate. The Illinois House approved it earlier.

Under the act, businesses that move to the state and create 25 or more jobs — or existing businesses who increase their base employment by 25 or more jobs — may be eligible to claim a state income tax credit equal to a portion of the income created by the new jobs. Therefore, the more the new jobs pay, the bigger the tax break.

Similar programs already exist in Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan. "Neighboring states offer these types of incentives and they are working to attract new, innovative businesses," said state Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenville, one of the act's sponsors. "It is time we in Illinois extend incentives to corporations that can come here and boost our

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Some costumes, symbols require an acute response

Teens routinely dress to provoke adults, especially parents, and to a degree this is part of their developmental struggle to achieve personal autonomy.

Most parents find themselves pushed to be more flexible than they prefer. Taking this notion to an extreme, though, some pundits justify allowing children to wear whatever they want by arguing that the costumes of

the Littleton, Colo., killers didn't cause the massacre. But this makes about as much sense as saying the guns didn't cause the murders.

Obviously, costumes don't make bombs and guns don't fire themselves. However, the reckless availability of these instruments of war and symbols of hatred certainly helped the Littleton killers wreak terrible carnage on their classmates and the imaginations of a generation of school children.

For months, these wannabe killers used their costumes, their words and the Internet to proclaim their identification with the most heinous mass murders in history. Eventually, their Halloween

fantasy became a dark reality they believed in. So let's not confuse deliberately flaunting an affection for evil with healthy self-expression.

Schools have a responsibility to promote a sense of community among students, and dress codes are an important part of this. While the appropriate particulars vary from situation to situation, some general principals are clear:

- Schools should never permit children to wear anything which identifies them with Nazis, the KKK, the Crips, the Bloods or any other gang steeped in hatred and violence.

- Parents should do more

than just support school policies — they should make sure their children do not own anything which romanticizes death, hatred or violence.

• In certain circumstances, including music and T-shirts. Likewise, anything which contains offensive messages about other people or toxic alcohol or drugs should be confiscated and destroyed. • In certain circumstances, school uniforms should be seriously considered. Many schools have found uniforms to be invaluable aids in building community. Uniform dress minimizes the significant economic disparity that may exist among children and reduces much of the materialistic competition about

dress children fall victim to. Also, children who are dressed alike learn to find more significant ways of expressing their individuality.

There is a huge difference between healthy self-expression and troubled teens uniforming themselves to express values that are dangerous and hateful.

Drawing a line in the sand about inappropriate dress is actually easy, as long as parents and schools team up and stay firm.

A more difficult and ultimately more important step is to engage in constructive dialogue with children to help them develop healthy individuality while remaining bonded with the

community.

These are my thoughts, and we would like to hear yours. So clip this column. Put it in your pocket, post it at work and use it as the basis for lunchtime conversations. Discuss it with your spouse and use it as a jumping off point to think through the things you want to improve for your family, and let us know what works for you.

Dennis O'Brien is a licensed clinical social worker, experienced educator and therapist, and executive director of Zink the Zebra Foundation of St. Louis, an organization serving medically fragile children.

Camp Ondessonk marks 40 years

Camp Ondessonk recently marked its 40th anniversary with an open house, re-dedication ceremony and outdoor Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Wilton Gregory, bishop of the Belleville Diocese.

Several former campers and staff members attended. Camp Ondessonk, located in Southern Illinois near Ozark, held its first session in 1959 with 360 campers. Since then, thousands of boys and girls of all faiths

ages 10-15 have attended. "We believe the summer camp program at Camp Ondessonk helps campers improve their physical skills, gain in self-confidence and appreciate their own abilities while having fun," said Patrick Higgins, executive director of Camp Ondessonk.

"During their week here at camp girls and boys will take part in a variety of activities such as campfires, horseback riding, nature

hikers, swimming, cookouts and other traditional summer activities."

While many sessions already are filled due to increased enrollment, you can still register to attend Camp Ondessonk this summer by calling (618) 659-2489 and requesting an application. Check out Camp Ondessonk on the World Wide Web at www.ondessonk.com.

Workers finish filling in Edwardsville 'municipal pool'

Gaping hole left by gas tank cleanup job

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

Crews are nearly finished filling in a gaping hole next to City Hall so large that city employees have referred to it jokingly as the municipal swimming pool.

The hole, which measured about 40 feet wide by 65 feet long and was 18 to 20 feet deep in some places, was the result of a clean-up project being conducted by Safety Partners Ltd. to remove old gasoline that seeped into the ground years ago.

"I think it may have been a fueling station for a car dealership that owned the lot," said Bill St. Peters of Safety Partners. "Back in the old days, one of the incentives car dealers would offer was a free tank of gas with every car purchase."

The gasoline was discovered by crews digging the footings at the entrance for a park-and-ride lot. Madison County Transit is building to serve the bus

transfer center under construction at North Main Street and Hillsboro Avenue.

St. Peters, whose firm does environmental consulting, as well as contracting, said the discovery came as a surprise, even though it was known underground gas tanks had been on the site.

An environmental assessment based on records of the site's history showed that four fuel tanks had been removed in 1988 in the presence of a state fire marshal.

"When we inquired what the status of the site was, the fire marshal and the owner provided documentation that the tanks had been removed. The fire marshal had declared the site clean at that time," St. Peters said.

When the crews began digging, they found that the distribution pipes that ran from the tanks to the fuel pump had been left intact. That, St. Peters said, was not a surprise.

"We've seen it so many times. Without the guidance we have now from the

Environmental Protection Agency, it was a practice back then that contractors pulled tanks and left the pipes in the ground," he said.

St. Peters said one misconception about these kind of leaks regards their size.

"We're dealing with parts per billion here. It didn't have to be a lot of gasoline. It was in the ground for 11 years. Gasoline percolates through the ground, just like a coffee maker. It will go down and spread and spread, and after awhile, it affects the soil."

St. Peters explained that the work his firm has done, tracking the gas by odor and sight to remove all detectable signs, will help to clean up any remaining particles, even after the area is paved over.

Natural enzymes in the soil use oxygen to digest the hydrocarbons in gasoline. When an area is paved, the oxygen necessary for that reaction eventually is depleted and the enzymes become dormant. St. Peters said that was the case here.

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Baseball hotbed

Millstadt athletes
make their mark
in baseball

Kenny Lutz of Collinsville was on display recently at Belleville West in a Southwestern Conference game won 2-1 by the Maroons on a passed ball in the seventh inning, but this observer had much more to focus on than the game.

Among those in attendance was Jim Greenwald of Granite City. A junior high administrator there, Greenwald is a former professional baseball player.

Art Voellinger
Sports
Views

Greenwald, a Mon-Clair League Hall of Famer after an outstanding career that included championships with Sauget, is one of two former Mon-Clair stars now scouting for Texas. The other is Ron Toenjes, an Althoff High graduate, who once tore up the M-C with a wicked slider.

A resident of Austin, Texas, and a high school teacher, Toenjes makes me proud for Millstadt, his hometown for which he pitched in the M-C. You see, while Millstadt continues to produce athletes for Belleville West, that community also provides excellent baseball from youth to the men's level.

Is there any better example of that than the recent Oakland A's 12-11 victory against the Boston Red Sox — a game that featured appearances by two former Millstadt Mon-Clair players? And, believe it or not, winning pitcher T.J. Mathews (of Columbia) and Boston rookie first baseman Brian Daubach (of Belleville) faced each other in the 10th inning. Mathews got the best of Daubach with a strikeout, but earlier Daubach had singled, doubled, drove in a run and scored twice as the No. 3 batter in the Red Sox lineup.

What a tribute to Millstadt — as was the West-Collinsville game that included a fifth-inning, ground-rule double by Jason Baillargeon, who scored on an infield single by Luke Wessel, also of Millstadt.

Second baseman Baillargeon also walked three times for a 4-for-4 on-base effort as he displayed outstanding leadoff skills for the Maroons. Winning pitcher Adam Dodd also played previously with the Millstadt Blue Sox youth baseball team.

Extra innings
Lutz accounted for Collinsville's only run with a long home run over the center field fence in the fourth inning, showcasing his offensive skills as well as his pitching.

An all-state wrestler, the 6-foot-5, 230-pound senior was sporting a .531 batting average in mid-May. A day after West's Southwestern Conference baseball decision against Collinsville, the Maroons girls softball team toppled the Kahoks 12-2.

After raising their record to 23-1, the Maroons pitching trio of Heather Hubert (junior), Casey Hunter (sophomore) and Tiffany Toenjes (junior) had allowed just three runs while striking out 240 batters in 145 innings.

Amazingly, these three also are from Millstadt.



Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City's Erin Tyler earned second team all-Southwestern Conference honors this spring. The freshman defender scored two goals in her first varsity campaign.

Youngsters show promise for Warriors Vasiloff, Tyler earn all-conference honors

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The talent pool for the Granite City girls soccer team never seems to run dry.

GIRLS SOCCER
Two more standouts emerged in the backfield this spring for the Warriors: sophomore Jessica Vasiloff and freshman Erin Tyler.

Vasiloff earned Southwestern Conference first team honors while Tyler was named to the second team.

"They haven't missed any games, and again it says something about the future of the program, in that we have now another freshman and

sophomore making first- and second-team all-conference," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "Our backfield is going to be super stable next year. Both of those two have good size, and their read on the game is so good. They are a pleasure to be around within the framework of the team because both of them are such ladylike, unassuming, yet very competitive athletes."

Both of them have shared much more of the success in the program than people would realize at first glance. They are both really such quiet, unassuming kids, but they have really been a joy to work

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Belleville East captures sectional crown

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

After splitting two regular-season meetings with overtime decisions, Collinsville and Belleville East battled a little longer Saturday in the IHSA Columbia Sectional championship game.

PREP BASEBALL
The Lancers' physical play kept the Kahoks' finesse under wraps long enough to drag the game into penalty kicks, where East keeper Niki Delgado was the difference in the Lancers' victory.

Abbie Perez and Meghan Traggesser scored on the first two penalty kicks for the Lancers, but Kelly Bowling and Christen Locandro answered for Collinsville. Belleville East's Mercy

Lancers eliminate Collinsville behind Delgado's heroics in penalty kicks

can, that's what I train for," Delgado said. "It's a lot of instinct and a lot of just paying attention to what they do." Belleville East took two seeds in the sectional tournament, and No. 2 Collinsville were tied 2-2 after regulation.

Collinsville scored first on Kirksey's goal in the 15th minute of play. Jamie Melm set up the play with a run down the right flank. She passed to Kirksey, whose shot curled inside the left post.

Traggesser scored for the Lancers just three minutes later, knocking a looper

over Parker's head and into goal. The Kahoks just missed on a cross that Jan Delaney headed over the top of the goal while standing on the crease.

Belleville East turned right around and made the Kahoks pay. Traggesser set up the go-ahead goal when her cross was missed by three Kahok defenders and got to Seamen, who buried a goal low to the right.

"When we got something going, like when we just missed on the header," they turned right around and scored," Wallace said. "I think maybe the kids let down maybe for just a little bit, just for a slight second. We told them that they had to play for the entire 80 minutes; you can't relax. You can't let

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Warriors hope '99 was a stepping stone

Balcer leads Granite City's group of players expected back in 2000

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

From the beginning of the season, Granite City coach Allen Lobdell admitted his boys tennis program was in store for a retooling.

BOYS TENNIS
By season's end, the Warriors appear to have taken several steps in the right direction.

One of the main components in that progress was sophomore Andy Balcer, the Warriors' No. 1 singles player who was upset in the quarterfinals of the IHSA Class AA sectional tournament two weeks ago. The top three from the event qualified for this past weekend's state tournament.

"If I had to give him a grade, Andy would get a B-plus," Lobdell said. "He defeated almost every opponent that he had lost to last year, and played very well. When he did lose to an opponent, the second time he got a chance to see that opponent, he always seemed to improve and do a little bit better. So we were pleased with Andy's performance."

"There were some things that we spotted during the year that needed some work. So we spent the second half of the season trying to concentrate on those, and we will spend the offseason working on those. It was a real

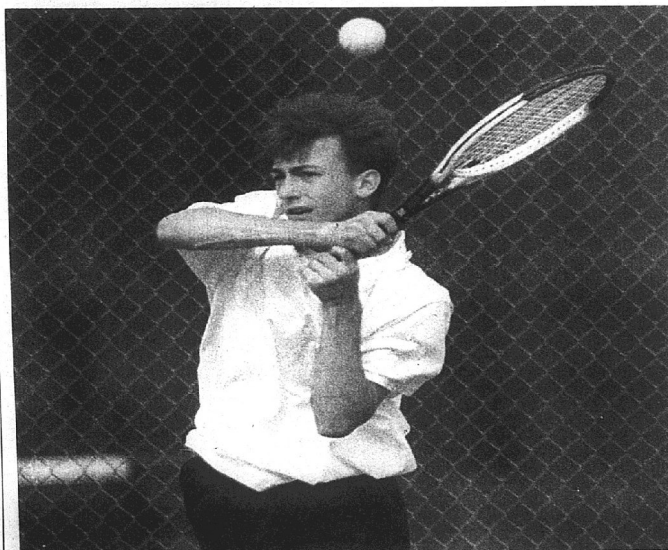
disappointment to us not to qualify for the state tournament, but those things happen. I just hope that he rededicates himself and comes back with an even better attitude next year. I know that we can get on top of those weaknesses that we found and be even more successful next year."

Beyond Balcer, the Warriors had talent but were shot on top-level experience.

Jason Woodson made the most significant jump in levels, Lobdell said. "He went all the way from not playing last year, or playing at five or six, and jumped all the way up to the No. 2 spot for most of the season. That's a large jump, and his record shows that he had to handle that No. 2 level of competition. So his record wasn't as good as some of the other kids on the team, but we were proud of him still, because he fought off all the people on our team. Nobody could gain back that position. He's a junior, so he'll be back next year."

"At No. 3, we had the senior, Tim Knowlton. He had what seems to be a typical season for Tim Knowlton. He would play one day and seem to be fine, his strokes are fine, his temperament is fine, and he is then successful. He would come back the next day, and his strokes are fine, his temperament is awful, and he

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Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City sophomore Andy Balcer held down the No. 1 singles spot for the Warriors this spring. He was seeded co-No. 1 for the IHSA Class AA sectional but was upset in the quarterfinals.

Sports



DOBB'S Cardinals Team of the Week

Alberts leads Smithton Junior High girls to fourth-place finish

The Smithton Junior High girls finished fourth recently in the Southern Illinois Junior High Track Meet as Megan Alberts won the shot put and discus events. Alberts accounted for 14 of the team's 19 points. Alberts posted a personal best of 31 feet 1 inch while winning the shot put and posted the top discus throw at 93-7.

Members of the Smithton girls track team who competed May 11 in Mount Vernon pictured at left (from left to right): Beth Hettchen; Megan Alberts; Emily

Jaeger; Nicki Mueller; Allison Alberts, who placed fifth in the 1,600 meters; and Brenda Whitworth, who placed fourth in the 1,600 and also competed in the seventh-grade 100 dash.

Whitworth, Allison Alberts, Hettchen and Jaeger also finished seventh in the 1,600 relay.

In boys competition, Brian Juncker broke the school record in the discus and Mike Sargent did the same in the 1,600 while finishing seventh.

Prep standings

METRO EAST BASEBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Belleville East	11-1	28-3
Edwardsville	9-3	27-6
Collinsville	8-4	26-8
Belleville West	7-5	20-12
Granite City	3-8	10-17
Alton	1-7	6-16
East St. Louis	0-10	1-13
Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Civil Memorial	7-3	15-10
Triad	6-4	22-7
Highland	4-6	21-9
Waco	3-7	13-16
Waterloo	3-7	9-18
Joplinville	2-8	11-16
Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Columbia	8-1	22-9
Red Bud	7-2	11-16
Freeburg	4-4	14-15
Carlyle	4-6	10-14
Brense Central	4-6	10-14
Marissa	3-7	10-15
Lebanon	3-7	10-15
Wesmin	2-8	8-20
New Athens	1-9	10-16
South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	7-4	20-7
Cahokia	1-5	5-15
Independents		
Team	Overall	
Alhambra	24-4	
Gibson	16-11	
Oakville	9-11	
Mater Del	9-11	
Valmeyer	9-11	
M.E. Lutheran	4-20	

METRO EAST SOFTBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Belleville West	14-0	25-3
Belleville East	10-2	23-6
Granite City	6-7	16-13
Edwardsville	8-4	10-13
Collinsville	5-8	16-13
Alton	5-8	12-17
East St. Louis	0-11	0-12
Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Marionville	9-1	22-6
Triad	6-4	19-7
Highland	6-4	12-12
Civil Memorial	4-6	8-18
Waco	2-8	8-18
Waterloo	2-8	8-18
Joplin	0-9	2-25
Cahokia		
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Wesmin	8-2	9-11
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Golf tourney set for June 27

The fifth annual Big B Invitational golf tournament is set for 8 a.m. June 27 at Arlington Country Club. The event is a four-man scramble with an entry fee of \$75 per person. Proceeds benefit Collinsville football. For information, call 344-2660 or 1-800-333-9660.

Soccer tryout

The Southwest Select Soccer Club under-11 boys team will conduct open tryouts June 15, 17, 21 and 23 at Horseshoe Lake fields. Tryouts are scheduled for 6-8 p.m. each day. For information, call 345-0673 or 344-3895.

Legion auction

The Tri City American Legion baseball team is sponsoring an auction 4 p.m. June 5 at the American Legion Hall, 1825 State St. in Granite City. To make a donation call Post Commander Ken Wallace (452-3098); baseball chairman Steve Pistorius (451-8094); or senior baseball coach Chad Lignoul (452-6152).

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Bellman enjoyed solid sophomore year

Second-year varsity performer competed in long jump, sprints, relays

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Nicole Bellman made the leap from her freshman to sophomore seasons with the greatest of ease. Bellman, a member of the Granite City girls track team, employed her athletic versatility in a variety of events.

"I did the long jump, the 4x100 relay, the sprint medley, and the open 200," Bellman said. "The 200 was my best event, and I was really close to the state-qualifying distance in the long jump also."

Granite City coach Gene Briggs is happy to have Bellman's talent on the team.

"Nicole has been a welcome addition to our track program here at the high school," Briggs said. "She came out as a freshman last year. She

was an excellent athlete, did well for us in the sprints and the long jump." Bellman's progress into her sophomore year came with a lot of hard work.

"She took a very serious attitude in the offseason to continue to work hard and prepare herself for her sophomore year," Briggs said. "There is little doubt that she takes her approach to whatever she does seriously, and we are just fortunate that track is one of her priorities right now."

"I go to the Prairie State Games and this year I got asked to go to the State Games of America (at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in August)," Bellman said. "So I perform there and I also do summer conditioning with one of our coaches, Tom Miller."

With the hard work and the year of experience under her belt, Bellman lowered her times and stretched out her lengths in the pit.

"I became stronger, and that built up my endurance," Bellman said. "So I can run faster now. I also feel more confident with the year that passed."

1999 was a season of promise for the Warriors. Bellman was an important cog in the wheels of a young squad that could raise Granite City to prominence in the Metro East.

"I think the season went really well, because we had a really good 4x100 and sprint medley team, and we were really close to qualifying for state."

Of course that's fine, but we need him to just concentrate a little more on tennis, because based on his current level and his athletic ability, he could be in the No. 2 spot easily if he just spent a little more time on it.

"The same thing that was true about Eric Wright is true about Harry Painter. Harry just doesn't have any real experience in competition. He missed out last year, he didn't play tennis for us — and this year was essentially his first year. Under pressure in close matches, he didn't play the way he could play. So we are going to urge Harry, along with Eric, to enter a lot of tournament competition in the offseason."

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for us in the sprint relays and does quite well in the open 200.

"Toward the end of the season, Nicole had to deal with an injury that kept her out for a couple of weeks but fortunately she came back before the season was over. It took a while to get her back in shape, but by the sectional track meet, she was performing well once again. It did limit her long jumping at the end of the season, but she was still able to sprint."

Bellman's ability to fight through adversity shows character that should carry her into her junior and senior years.

"She represented our team quite well at sectionals and next year as a junior, with the same attitude that she displayed this year as a sophomore, we are looking for great things," Briggs said. "She will help us with our sprint events, she will help us in our jumping events, and she will be a part of our sprint relays."

Youngsters give Warriors hope for future

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with, because not only has it been a good year for them and the program, but it shows what it will be like down the road."

As reliable as the Granite City defenders have been in their own end, both Vasiloff and Tyler are capable of making a strike. In a game against O'Fallon late in the season, Vasiloff stepped forward and nailed the game-winning goal with about two minutes remaining.

"Both of them play their positions, but they have been so steady, and it's not only just clearing but in distribution as well," Baker said. "Both have come upfield occasionally to do some damage. Vasiloff got the game-winner against O'Fallon. Erin had a good one in the Francis Howell Tournament."

The youngsters gained confidence as the season progressed.

"Sometimes I'm kind of scared because I'm afraid I will get caught up," Vasiloff said. "But I'm starting to get more comfortable with it."

"I love pushing up and playing midfield," said Tyler, who scored two goals this season. "You just have to make sure that you are covered defensively."

Vasiloff, who also plays basketball, is in the program for his second year. After a successful freshman year, good health has helped Vasiloff get to the next level.

"I'm doing things with Jess is that, while she did well last year, she had some injury problems," Baker said. "When she came out for the team this spring, she was in really excellent condition. Her stamina was evident. In really difficult full runs she would be right up there in the top three. Along with that, her right foot is very powerful, but she has accuracy and good technical delivery on the long ball or short ball."

"I think this year, too, she has become more relaxed on her role within the team and her relationship with me. She'll ask, 'What about this?' and then go do it. For instance, the goal she scored in the O'Fallon game was the way it would be in the boys program for a long time. As I turned to her, she knew what I wanted her to do before I had to say anything. All that facilitates and hastens things along. That was a great example of her ability to relax and listen and a great example of her instincts for the game."

"I'm not as nervous anymore," Vasiloff said. "Last year when I played, I was really nervous and I messed up the time. This year I still get kind of nervous, but not as bad as I used to. I'm having more fun."

Tyler also played basketball in the winter, and by the end of the season she had worked her way onto the varsity top seven. This spring, she was tossed into one of the hottest spots on the varsity turf immediately. But she seldom makes a mistake.

"Erin and Jess are also in other sports, which we highly recommend," Baker said. "Erin is a 5.7 student (on a 5.0 scale), with all accelerated A's. Her height is just a little bit over her grade-point average. She is just so smart and she always has the right questions, which means that she is thinking and she wants answers. That's what you need, that's why the program is going to get that state championship. It's going to come."

Particularly if Tyler gains more confidence in the coming years.

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Warriors hope '99 season was stepping stone

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would suffer a loss that maybe he shouldn't have. So Timmy still has to work on that part of his game. I'm just sorry that he can't do it with us next year, because as soon as he takes care of that, he is going to be a fine tennis player."

"Eric Wright is another junior who will be back next year. We found that Eric needs to play under pressure situations, because that was when he had the most trouble this year. The only solution to that is to put yourself in those pressure situations more and more. So we are going to urge him to play in lots and lots of tournaments, and we think that that will eventually solve that problem. We are anxious to

get him back next year." One of the Warriors' best players at the close of the 1999 campaign was No. 5 singles player Jared McMillian. The junior's primary sport is soccer, in which he was an all-conference backfield standout, so time for tennis is hard to come by.

"He has been playing down in that position five or six years for the three years that he has been with us," Lobdell said. "He is an excellent tennis player, and he doesn't play much in the offseason. But when he does pick up that racket and plays for two months, he is solid with us. We find that in the last month his game improves dramatically. Because of his fine athletic ability, he then turns into one of the best doubles players that we have on the team."

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the Warriors to be more competitive in the Southwestern Conference, which was dominated by Belleville East, Belleville West, Alton and Edwardsville.

"We only lose the one senior, and we have two freshmen — Matt Dittman and Matt Davis," Lobdell said. "We had a sophomore this year, Travis Thomas, who did well and improved. So we will have most of the kids back, and that should help."

"From the sectional results and from the Southwestern Conference results, we have high hopes for next year and the year after. But it points out to me that we have an awful lot of work to do. It's going to take a total commitment by me and my assistants, and my kids, and then we'll see."

Lancers top Kahoks

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down for one minute, and I think that's what happened. We relaxed, we let the girls get the cross off, we didn't put pressure on the cross. I think it was a little bit of miscommunication in the back — the 'I go, you go' syndrome — and the ball just went right through."

Collinsville's equalizer was a sinuous gem. The Kahoks weaved through the Lancers with three quick touch passes. Melm sent the ball across to Kirkley, who tapped forward to LeMaster, and the senior ran to bury a one-timer.

After a back-and-forth scoreless second half, the Kahoks took charge in the two overtimes but couldn't find the net.

The loss ended the Kahoks season at 1-1. It seemed like we

dominated the two overtime periods," Collinsville coach Deana Wallace. "We had opportunities, we had chances to win the game before it went into penalty kicks. When you play in penalty games like this, you must capitalize on your opportunities. By not capitalizing, you run into the penalty kick situation but we weren't surprised that it went that way. We played them twice this year in the regular season and both times the games went into overtime."

The Lancers advanced to play the winner of the Quincy Notre Dame sectional on Tuesday at Chatham Glenwood.

"It's such an honor," Delgado said. "If any team deserved it, it's this team. We worked so hard. We've all clicked together so well and we really deserved it."

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Kahoks turn back Cahokia

Clayton shuts door on rally

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Collinsville, the top seed in the IHSAA Class AA Belleville West Regional, survived a scare Saturday morning in the semifinals round but held on for an

11-8 victory against fourth-seeded Cahokia. The Comanches had the tying run at the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning with no outs before Collinsville pitcher Justin Clayton stepped in and ended Cahokia's bid for a postseason upset.

Collinsville (26-6) faced Belleville Althoff (25-4) on Monday for the regional championship. The winner travels to the Edwardsville Sectional on Saturday to meet the Centralia Regional winner.

The Kahoks entered the bottom of the seventh with what appeared to be a comfortable 11-5 lead.

Collinsville coach Steve McFall brought in closer Dan Munoz, who entered the contest with a 0.00 ERA. But Cahokia scored three runs on five consecutive hits to make the score 11-8.

Clayton, who came into the game with runners on first and second, struck out Dennis Adams. He then got Eric Kharbhan to hit into a fielder's choice for the second out and retired Drew Armstrong on a pop out to second baseman Keith Mumper.

"Wasn't he good?" McFall said of Clayton. "He just decided we were going to win. He picked us up. Everybody just talks about what a great senior class we have, and we

do, but here is a junior who stepped into a pressure situation and got it done. I am real proud of him. He also hit a home run."

While Cahokia coach Joe Moore was impressed with the Comanches' never-say-die attitude, he was disappointed in his club's shoddy defense.

"I want to give Collinsville all the credit in the world," he said. "They beat us.... This is good a team, a good fundamental team. We missed some key balls with two outs that cost us the ballgame."

The Kahoks jumped to a 4-0 lead in the top half of the first. A two-out error kept the inning alive for Collinsville before Clayton delivered his two-run homer.

Cahokia answered with three runs in the bottom of the frame. Malcolm Henderson, Larry McVier and Adams all collected RBI hits to cut the lead to 4-3.

In the third inning, the Kahoks used their second two-out rally of the contest to score five more runs. Clayton started the damage with a single. Kostoff followed with an RBI double and Dane Thebeau added another RBI double. After Justin Volkmar's infield single put runners on the corners, Thebeau scored on a wild pitch to making the score 7-3. Keith Mumper then ripped a pitch over the leftfield fence for a two-run home run.

Cahokia closed to 9-5 before Collinsville stretched its lead to 10-5 in the fifth and added another run in the sixth on a home run by Nick Jones.

Tigers hammer Alton in regional

Semifinal victory set up Monday's showdown with Triad

By Greg Shashack
Staff writer

Alton's offensive machine, which produced 12 runs on 18 hits on Thursday against Jerseyville, malfunctioned Saturday morning in Granite City.

Edwardsville pitchers Nick Seibert and Chris Johnson combined on a four-hit shutout to lead the Tigers to a 10-0 six-inning victory against the Redbirds in the semifinals of the IHSAA Class AA Granite City Regional.

"I think we got beat by a better team today. And there's no shame in that," Alton coach Michael Bell said. "You wish that things would have gone a little better for your team. But you don't want to take anything away from them."

Edwardsville improved to 30-5 — its eighth 30-victory season in the past 12

years — and will meet 25-8 Triad for the regional championship at 10 a.m. Monday. Triad defeated Granite City on Saturday.

Alton closed its season at 14-22. The Tigers' postseason blueprint unfolded precisely according to plan, with Edwardsville's offense staking Seibert to a 6-0 lead after just two innings.

Seibert (11-1) also worked the third inning before leaving the game with a limited pitch count that will allow the Tigers ace to return to the mound for Monday's championship game. Johnson came on and completed the shutout with three strong innings.

"It worked out the best that it could," Edwardsville coach Tim Funkhouser said. "Nick threw pretty well and Chris did an excellent job as well. I was impressed with our pitchers."

Tim Hansel led the Tigers' 14-hit

attack, going 4 for 4 and driving in three runs, putting his season total at a school-record 57 RBI. Hansel's pop-fly two-RBI single in the first followed a single by Matt Bogle and a double from Seibert and gave Edwardsville a 2-0 lead.

"It wasn't the prettiest hit to break the record, but it got the job done," said Hansel, who surpassed the 55 RBI posted by Dave Stiemmer in 1991. "I've hit balls harder and they've been caught with guys in scoring position, so to get a hit like that felt pretty good."

Travis Riggs' home run in the second inning triggered a four-run outburst that included RBI singles from Todd Spitze, Andrew Honegger and Hansel and gave the Tigers a 6-0 lead.

"We came out and tried to jump on them early," said Hansel. "We got a couple pitches to hit early in the game and we came through."

Althoff avenges loss to Belleville West

Crusaders post semifinal win, as do O'Fallon and Belleville East

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

The Althoff baseball team didn't lose many regular-season games this spring.

The Crusaders could count those losses on one hand — with a digit to spare.

Maybe that's why the 5-4 regular-season loss to Belleville West stuck out like a sore thumb. The Maroons won that game 5-4 on Chris French's grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Maroons also were the team that knocked Althoff out of the playoffs last spring.

On Saturday, the Crusaders got their

revenge by building an insurmountable edge en route to a 7-2 victory in the IHSAA Class AA Belleville West Regional sectional.

Althoff (25-1) was scheduled to play top-seeded Collinsville (26-6) on Monday in the championship game.

The winner of that game travels to the Edwardsville Sectional on Saturday to meet the Centralia Regional winner (Belleville East or O'Fallon).

Jake Friederich's three-run home run in the top of the first inning sparked the Crusaders' offense.

"That was the biggest home run of my career," Friederich said. "We took the (earlier) loss (to West) hard. We came back and beat them, so I am real happy. Last year we lost to them, too."

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Film timetable for Wednesday, June 2. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

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1-70 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill.
344-1708
Star Wars (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:10, 9:55
Entrapment (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 7:05, 9:40
Life (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill. 254-5289
Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 9:50
Star Wars (PG) 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Star Wars (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Life (R) 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 9:45
Entrapment (PG-13) 1:10, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390
Ed TV (PG-13) 6:45
Out Of Towners (PG-13) 7:00
Twin Dragons (PG-13) 7:15

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill., 233-0123
The King And I (G) 7:05
Payback (R) 8:50
Baby Geniuses (PG) 7:15, 9:15
The Other Sister (PG-13) 7:00, 9:30

NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Nameoki Village, 671-6630
The Mummy (PG-13) 7:00
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 7:15

OFALLON 15 CINE
1520 Central Park Dr., Ofallon, Ill., 622-4900
The Love Letter (PG-13) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 2:00, 4:20, 7:05
Trojans (PG) 9:20
Midsummer Night's Dream (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
Life (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
Notting Hill (PG-13) 12:00, 2:45, 5:35, 8:30
Entrapment (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
Election (R) 2:20, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 8:00
Star Wars (PG) 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
Star Wars (PG) 11:30, 2:30, 5:25, 8:30
Star Wars (PG) 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
The 13th Floor (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:15

QUAD CINEMA
Belleville, Ill., 233-1220
Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Star Wars (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40
Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

ROXANA CINE THEATER
Roxana, Ill., 254-4749
The Matrix (R) 7:00

ST. CLAIR 10
50 Ludwig Drive, 356-8393
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
The Mummy (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
Black Mask (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:20, 9:25
Trippin' (R) 1:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:20
Doug's First Movie (G) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:05
Foolish (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 9:30
The Matrix (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 9:35
The Out Of Towners (PG-13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 9:35

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Flying museum coming to area

By Jason White
Staff writer

A flying museum will wing its way to the Metro East next weekend. Members of the Confederate Air Force's Arizona Wing will fly two World War II planes to the St. Louis Regional Airport in East Alton as part of a national tour. A B-17G Flying Fortress bomber called Sentimental Journey and the world's only flying HE-111 Heinkel German fighter bomber will

land at the airport at noon June 14. The planes will be open to the public until June 20, when they will take off for their next destination. Last year, the group flew the B-17 visited 56 cities and logged 19,000 miles. "These two aircraft travel the whole country during the summer," tour coordinator Dick Exler said by telephone from the group's headquarters at the Falcon Field Airport in Mesa, Ariz. Visitors can crawl around in the planes, sit in the

cockpits and look out of gun turrets. "We ask for donations to actually get inside," Exler said. "We encourage public access." Donations and memorabilia sales keep the group's collection of vintage planes airborne and pay for the \$600 per hour fuel cost to power the bomber's four 1,200-horsepower engines. A total of 12,731 B-17s flew in World War II, but fewer than 10 remain flying today. The B-17 can fly at 36,000 feet and has a maximum speed of 302 mph. They carried an average bomb load of 8,000 pounds. The B-17 was famous for daylight bombing raids over Germany. It got the name Flying Fortress because of its ability to withstand damage. The Boeing-built Sentimental Journey served in the Pacific Theater.

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(June 2) The year ahead could hold more than the usual fair share of opportunities you might expect. However, nothing will come of any of them unless you're prepared to take the initiative.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Everything will go a lot smoother for you today if you don't try to alter who you are, so just be yourself. By attempting to imitate another, you will cast yourself in an unsuitable role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Be prepared to jump in and take over if someone who promised to help you with a critical career issue reneges on the job. Don't get caught flat footed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Fuzzy arrangements or instructions could be misinterpreted, causing you complications down the line today. Make certain all parties involved fully understand the correct information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Leave well enough alone today if things are running smoothly. It could prove to be counterproductive to make changes merely for the sake of being different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
All decisions concerning issues important to you should not be left up to anyone but yourself today, even if that individual is a trusted partner. The end results may not please you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Ignore any something-for-nothing promises you get today, because they'll all be hollow and empty. If you want something, be prepared to get it the sure way, earn it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Optimism is a wonderful quality when slanted correctly. If it is misplaced today, however, there's a good chance you could get out on a limb that's about to be sawed off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Don't start any projects today where you know going in it would be impossible to

finish. The clutter you create could severely impede your progress for longer than you could handle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Any serious or important work should be double-checked instead of assuming things were done correctly the first time. If an error is made today, it could be a big one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Conditions are such that promises made might turn out to be promises broken. Be especially careful if your dealings have anything to do with money or a warranty.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Allow others to have their way from time to time today and they'll be tolerant about letting you have your's. Being too demanding will turn everybody off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
A false sense of security could be your worst enemy today. Every time you think you have an ace up your sleeve, you'd better watch your back, because chances are you'll get trumped.

Cusack pushes tin, noir envelope

Black, it would seem, is the operative word in John Cusack's life.

It's the color of the 32-year-old actor's typical wardrobe, the way he prefers his coffee and the style of filmmaking he champions: dark, murky and vaguely dangerous.

Yet black isn't exactly Cusack's personal color. "He's like this great big Labrador puppy that comes up at you slobbering all over the place," says Mike Newell, the director of Cusack's new offbeat comedy, "Pushing Tin."

He thinks that it's pure affection and love, that everything is going fine. What's happening to you is that you're being whipped to death by his tail."

That earnest, unintentional quality is hard to miss when Cusack strides into the Four Seasons hotel lobby, ostensibly for an interview, but more intent on a nicotine fix.

He's decked out in black, of course, from the dark sunglasses poised like a tiara on his head to his jet-black high tops. Like his films, it's a mix of art-school chic and frat-boy comfort. In "Pushing Tin," Cusack and Billy Bob Thornton play

two macho, messianic air-traffic controllers who become involved in a high-stakes contest of wits and wills.

"I like characters on the fringes," Cusack says, exhaling a mouthful of filterless American Spirit smoke. "Maybe it's their conflicts or what they go through. They're more human in some ways. Maybe it's because I've always felt like an outsider."

You know, even though I'm an actor and they pay me a lot of money and all that, I've never really felt like a part of the Establishment. You know, I can go to cocktail parties and do them right off, but I never feel like I want to be there."

Much of Cusack's quirky film career can be traced to this profound unease — he's just not the Hollywood schmoozing, air-kissing type: The one-time prince of the 1980s teen flick refuses to

knuckle under. "I play by the rules — sometimes," he says, with a sly smile. "I think I participate in the system more than when I was younger. But they've definitely stopped sending me traditional scripts — they figure I won't do them."

Cusack says he gravitates toward characters "who have conflict and transformation."

and says he wants "entertainment that has ideas." If having both leads to really twisted roles, that's fine.

"If the character is firmly happy, then he's in the Establishment and there's no growth potential. I'd rather have him in the mainstream and fall out. Or you can have him try to slip in the back door."

Early in his career, though, Cusack toed the line. At age 17, he landed his first semi-major part, in the teen sex romp, "Class." That was followed by a string of teen romance comedies, including "Sixteen Candles," "The Sure Thing," and "Better Off Dead."

All that seemed to change once he raised a boom box over his head outside Lone Skye's window in 1989's "Say Anything." His Lloyd Dobler, a sweet teen-ager who portrayed with such naked yearning that the film transcended its teenybop audience.

It would be Cusack's last dance with the genre. He switched gears to play a hustler in "The Grifters," which led to the attention of Woody Allen, who cast him in "Shadows and Fog" and "Bullets Over Broadway."

By the mid-'90s, the

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Brendan Fraser celebrates eclectic — if short — career

Brendan Fraser leans forward at a table in his Dorchester Hotel suite to share a few thoughts about the intricate tapestry that seems to be his career.

"You've got to be careful you don't pull the wrong thread. Otherwise, it will all fall apart," says Fraser, warming to a metaphor that clearly intrigues him.

"Hopefully, mine is a well-crafted and interesting one to view."

Whatever else it is, Fraser's still-young career is eclectic. And if the early box-office success of his new film, "The Mummy," is any indication, it's also now worth millions.

His first starring role came in 1992's "School Ties," as a schoolboy hiding his Jewishness behind his prowess as a football player. Then he howled his way through "George of the Jungle," which made him a box-office favorite and landed him in beefcake heaven among female moviegoers.

Last year, he displayed brains to go with his biceps in the Academy Award-winning "Gods and Monsters."

As the muscular, heterosexual gardener who strikes up an unlikely alliance with Ian McKellen's aging gay film director in 1950s Hollywood, Fraser was the invaluable third point in an acting triangle with Oscar nominees McKellen and Lynn

Redgrave. So far this year, he has played perhaps the sweetest guy ever to emerge from 35 years underground as the son of Christopher Walken and Sissy Spacek in "Blast From the Past," a charming box-office dud. And in August, he'll be back on screen playing a bumptious Canadian Mountie in "Dudley Do-Right," co-starring Sarah Jessica Parker.

As it happens, Fraser's great-grandfather was a North West Mounted Policeman, which is how the Mounties were known before they got "Royal."

Although Fraser was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, Canada looms large in his life. Among other things, his parents' home country may help explain just what makes the youngest of their four sons, well, so nice.

He's someone you could bring home to mother, or have a beer with in a bar.

Fraser, 30, says bashfully, speaking in a stage whisper so as to preserve his voice during a marathon four-day lineup of interviews.

Afton Fraser, his wife of eight months, is at London's Royal Academy looking at a Kandinsky exhibition, and the next night the Frasers will attend a performance of the London stage revival of Tennessee Williams' "Suddenly Last Summer," starring



Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz in a scene from the Universal Studios release, "The Mummy."

Fraser's co-star from "The Mummy," Rachel Weisz. For the moment, though, Fraser is pondering an increasingly impressive body of work, even if "The Mummy" stretches his potential for derring-do rather more than his thespian chops. "At the moment, I'm thrilled I'm in a movie as cool as this

one," he says. But is he happy to be a Harrison Ford for the millennium, as the makers of "The Mummy" would like you to think?

"From your mouth to whoever's ears," Fraser says with a smile. "There's no replacing Harrison Ford. I do know I've got a lot of opportunity that's going to

present itself in the future, and I just hope I choose wisely."

Fraser's father was a foreign service officer for the Canadian government and kept the family on the move, including stints in the Netherlands and England.

At 17, he was in Seattle studying theater at the Cornish College of the Arts, where he

first acquainted himself — via videotapes of Shakespeare performances — with the accomplished English classicist McKellen.

Before that, the jobs weren't always so grand. One holiday season, Fraser got work juggling in a department store. Another time he was hired for a mock-battle sequence wrapped up in body armor. ("I was like, 'But I'm still an actor — crash, pow!'")

Fraser was set to get a Master of Fine Arts degree at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Instead, a brief stopover in Los Angeles launched his career.

He arrived just in time for the season when TV producers put together the pilots for upcoming shows. Two days' work on Nancy Savoca's "Dogfight," with River Phoenix and Lili Taylor — "I was sailor No. 1 and got beaten up" — led to a television movie with Martin Sheen.

That, in turn, fed an audition for "School Ties," appearing alongside the unknowns Matt Damon and Ben Affleck.

His next film is "Monkey Bones" for director Henry Selick ("James and the Giant Peach," "The Nightmare Before Christmas").

"I've seen the business from all sides, start to finish," says Fraser. "And yet, the funny part is that I feel like I'm just getting started."

— Associated Press

John Cusack continues to push tin and noir envelope

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experimental theater group he had bankrolled in Chicago had morphed into New Crime Productions, a film company Cusack hoped would nurture his own vision. The name itself gives a clue where.

As a teen, Cusack had been impressed by some high-tech pirates who repeatedly broke into network TV in Chicago. During one stint, a Max Headroom impersonator began babbling unintelligibly and spanking his bare behind with a fly swatter.

"I saw it and I thought it was so funny," Cusack recalls. "And then I read that authorities were having trouble prosecuting these guys because there wasn't any law against what they'd done. Technology had gone so far, so fast, that they had indeed invented a new crime."

"That's what I wanted the role of theater and film to become. Hopefully, it will be to offer different voice or a different perspective outside the straight-ahead, corporate world."

"Yeah, I've turned down some things that have made a whole lot of money. I just didn't want to do it."

John Cusack

Cusack's declaration of identity came in 1997 with New Crime's first film, the pitch-dark "Grosse Pointe Blank," which he co-wrote and starred in. It was about a hit man with a pet cat and a therapist who accepts an invitation to his class reunion. "I thought it was pure social satire. Some people got that and some people just thought it was a romantic date movie. That's fine. I said, 'OK.' I mean, it was absolutely absurd."

Cusack is the kind of guy who'd rather hear nervous laughter in a theater than the fiery explosions of a summer blockbuster. With the exception of "Con Air," he has declined such mainstream fare as "White Men Can't Jump," "Sleeping With the Enemy" and "Innocent Proposal."

"Yeah, I've turned down

some things that have made a whole lot of money," he says. "I just didn't want to do it."

And when I saw the movie, I still didn't want to do it even though it made \$110 million!"

Gobs of cash simply aren't Cusack's style. He is a devotee of Noam Chomsky and The Clash, and a self-described champion of art over commerce. So he's as noir as his arching black eyebrows.

"Most great plays or films are about questioning, trying

to debunk illusions, from the personal to the societal level, from the micro to the macro. I'm not saying every film has to be political but the level

of hypocrisy in people and in institutions..." he says, trailing off. "The noise is deafening."

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Opened-captioned films coming to Edwardsville

Showplace 12 first area theater helping deaf

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

The deaf and hard of hearing in the Metro East will be able to enjoy first-run movies without going to St. Louis, thanks to a coordinated effort by Alton's IMPACT Inc. and Edwardsville's Kerasotes Showplace 12 Theatre.

"Ana lyze," "This," "Starring," "Robert De Niro and Billy Crystal, will be shown with open captioning June 17 in the new movie theater on Center Grove Road. Open captioning is different than the closed captions people are familiar with on television, where white letters are placed over a black background box, Karen Foster of IMPACT Inc. said.

"Open captioning has no background. Just white letters appearing on the bottom of the movie screen," she said.

A California-based organization called Tripod Captioned Films has been providing first-run, open-captioned films since 1988. The organization made one film in 1988 and plan to produce 50 in 1999. More than 100 films have been captioned since they began.

The process involves a laser, which "engraves" the text onto each individual frame of the film, according to Tripod's Internet web

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Karen Foster
IMPACT Inc.

page. To add a black background or drop shadow would involve a costlier process.

"I chose Showplace because it's in the middle of Madison and St. Clair counties, so people won't complain that it's too far to go," Foster said.

"This will be a test to see how many deaf people will show up," Foster said. "If it meets the goal, hopefully the movie theater will show another one the following month."

IMPACT Inc. is a community service agency dedicated to breaking down barriers for people with disabilities. Foster, 23, has been deaf all her life, and both parents and a younger brother are also deaf. Foster works as a deaf services specialist and teaches sign language and the use of TTY service, which allows the deaf to communicate with others using a telephone.

"My parents have been strongly involved in the deaf community. I got my leadership from my father," Foster said. "I wanted to improve the deaf community

and the rights to be equal along with hearing people."

Scott Kottlingham, a representative of Kerasotes Theaters in Springfield, said his company has been working with Tripod for several years to distribute the captioned films wherever they are needed. He said they have been showing the special films in Jacksonville, Ill.; Bloomington, Ind.; Rockford; and Minneapolis/St. Paul.

"The reason we're doing this in Edwardsville is because I got a call expressing an interest," Kottlingham said. "Our philosophy is wherever there's a need, we're more than happy to cooperate."

He said the response has been very good where they have used these films in the past. "It's a regular movie, so the sound is still there," he said. "So deaf people can go with friends who can hear, and they can all enjoy a good time together."

"Anywhere where there's a Kerasotes theater, if there's a need, and they let us know, we're more than happy to do this," Kottlingham said.

Other captioned films currently being distributed by Tripod are "October Sky," "The Out of Towners," "Patch Adams," "The Matrix," "edTV," "Entrapment" and "Forces of Nature."

"If there's great enough demand, we may schedule them once a month or even more often," Kottlingham said.



Contributed photo
Frank Woods Jr., governor of Granite City Moose Lodge 272, left, and lodge youth coordinator Al Fowler, right, congratulate Lindsay Heath, second from left, and Steve Geroff after they were chosen to represent the lodge in the Moose Youth Awareness Program.

Two area students participate in Moose Youth Awareness Program

Steve Geroff and Lindsay Heath have been picked by Granite City Moose Lodge 272 to represent the lodge in the Youth Awareness Program.

Steve is the son of Robert and Rosemary Geroff. Lindsay is the daughter of Mike and Rosemary Geroff.

The program is designed to help children 4-9 years old to make correct choices about drugs, gangs, strangers, peer pressure, child abuse and other issues.

As part of the program, Steve and Lindsay attended the Illinois Moose Association Student Congress Workshop in Mattoon last November. Then they each created their own "Kids Talk" presentation, which they gave to local children's groups.

After each presentation, the two wrote a report on how the program went. Those reports were then mailed to the Illinois Moose Association in Beach Park to be judged.

Steve was selected to be the Illinois representative to attend the 1999 Moose International Student Congress in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The state and provincial Moose associations of Canada and the United States, Canada and Great Britain to attend and exchange their ideas on how to help younger children.

Environmental group supports Alternate Illinois 159 project

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

In a strange turn of events, an environmentally oriented group is offering its support for a project that will destroy some wetland area through the construction of the Alternate Illinois Route 159 project. The Nature Preserve Foundation, the governing board of The Watershed

Nature Center, is offering its support because under state law, it actually will gain more wetland than it loses.

An agreement from the Illinois Department of Transportation on funding for the project was presented Thursday to the Edwardsville City Council's Administrative and Community Services Committee.

"When they destroy that

wetland, they've got to construct one elsewhere. (The new wetland area) will be improved somewhat because they've got to mitigate more to replace a smaller portion," Richard Keating of the foundation told the committee.

The city would be required to pay for the original work, but then would be reimbursed \$200,000 for fees incurred. Keating said the foundation has been anxiously awaiting the arrival of the agreement. Several hurdles, however, must be faced before the plan can be carried out.

"We were hoping this would take place last January so that during this construction season, we could have planting of the wetland plants finished this year. That is doubtful at this point," Keating said.

The Wetland Mitigation Plan would add almost four acres at the Watershed Nature Center. Keating said the foundation had two construction managers lined up in anticipation of the project, but both took on other jobs when no progress was made toward the agreement.

Keating said getting a contractor who is familiar with wetland practice would be difficult, especially in the short term.

"People who move earth are getting scarce in the job market these days. We are very hopeful but guardedly optimistic that we can get this done this fiscal year," Keating said.

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New railroad safety net system has some bugs

Tanker truck damaged after deployment

By Kerry Smith
and Steve Whitworth
Staff writers

State transportation officials and railroad employees are trying to work out the bugs with an experimental railroad crossing safety device in Hartford that deployed accidentally, damaging a tanker truck.

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The incident occurred about 2 p.m. May 25 at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing on Hawthorne Street, where the \$400,000 device, known as a vehicle arresting barrier, is being tested by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The system actually uses two of the devices, which consist of steel-netted safety barriers that drop down on either side of the tracks to prevent vehicles from going around the crossing gates when a train is approaching. The driver of the tanker, Wade Walters, acted properly in driving across the tracks because the signal lights and crossing gates had not been activated, said Patrolman Bill Robertson of the Hartford Police Department. However, an unexplained malfunction caused the system to activate as the truck crossed the tracks, said Martha Schiebel, an IDOT spokeswoman. She said the net on the far side of the tracks deployed, hooking the top of the truck and descending. Walters was

not injured, and his truck sustained only minor damage.

"Something tripped it off," Schiebel said. "The railroad people are out there checking it out to see what activated the signal system. We don't know the specifics of what set it off or why it was only set off on one side."

The activation system is tied in to the existing grade crossing protection system, which includes the crossing arms, signal bells and signal lights, Schiebel said. She said the devices all work in synchronization when a train approaches to activate the warning system.

Schiebel noted it is not unusual for railroad crossing signals to activate when there is no train approaching.

"Every once in a while, a railroad signal flashes when there's nothing in sight," she said. "There may be a locomotive way down the tracks. Those things do happen."

One net is stationed at each side of the crossing at Hawthorne, which also is equipped with the standard crossing gates and signals. Road signs on either side of the crossing warn motorists not to proceed any farther when the signals are flashing and sounding. The arresting barriers are set about 125 feet back from the tracks. Striping painted on the pavement indicates where the motorists should stop, Schiebel said. She said that by 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, maintenance

contractors working for IDOT had repaired and reinstalled the barriers.

"The net is back and functioning," Schiebel said. "The VAB worked exactly as it was supposed to work. The problem was in a false signalization from Union Pacific."

"This is a demonstration project, and we will be in a continual testing mode for the next 18 months, not only with our Hartford crossing pilot program but also with the identical safety barrier study at two other sites in Illinois."

Operation of the vehicle arresting barriers will continue at the Hartford crossing through June 18, 2000, said Jerry Isenburg, IDOT section chief of rail planning.

The barriers are steel nets mounted between two towers at the crossing. If a motorist tries to cross the twin tracks when an oncoming train is in sight, a warning light flashes for 20 seconds to alert the driver before the net drops down on the vehicle.

IDOT said it is impossible for a vehicle to hit the barrier to move without assistance from maintenance or 911 crews. If a vehicle is hit by the net, a call is automatically sent to the Wood River Police Department and dispatched by the Hartford Police Department.

No comment on Tuesday's incident was available last week from Union Pacific Railroad.



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15 years of service

Eight employees of Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus were recently honored for 15 years of service to the school as the campus marked its 15th anniversary. They were honored at the Community Awards Dinner held at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville. They are, from left, BAC President Elmer Kirchoff, Paul Greenwood; Sharron Owca; Tim Walker; Judi Sparks; Larry Petri; Patricia Marcum; Jerry Mohr; Mary Brown; and GCC Provost Gary Gray.

ALA raises \$22,000 at golf tournament

The American Lung Association of Illinois raised \$22,000 at its May 10 Golf Classic at the Orchards Golf Course in Belleville.

Major sponsor of the event was Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Other sponsors included CDS Office Technologies, St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Southern Illinois Pulmonary Consultants, Grandone Hauser Inc., Aufferberg Ford and radio station WIL-FM. The event chairman was Dr. V. Mohan.

"Thanks to the help of our sponsors and the 137 people who played in the tournament, the funds raised from this year's classic increased nearly 25 percent over last year," said Karen Lanter, field director of the American Lung Association of Illinois.

The American Lung Association is hosting a second golf classic at Spencer T. Olin Community Golf Course June 14 and encourages area golfers to sign up before the June 7 deadline.

"We are encouraging golfers

to register now since the foursomes fill up quickly close to the deadline," Lanter said.

Major sponsors for the Alton tournament include Blue Cross/Blue Shield, CDS Office Technologies, Alton Multi-Specialists, Alton Memorial Hospital, Grandone Hauser Inc., Wally Berger Buick,

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This year marks the fourth time the association has hosted the golf classic as a way to raise funds in support of its efforts to prevent lung disease.

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SunRise facility found in compliance

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

The SunRise Care and Rehabilitation nursing home, which has faced a litany of problems, cleared one more

hurdle this week when it was declared fit as a fiddle. After a three-day inspection, the Illinois Department of Public Health announced May 26 it had declared the home on University Drive in substantial compliance with all state and federal regulations for long-term care.

The home faces termination of its Medicaid eligibility Saturday. On May 6, a court denied SunRise a restraining order to keep the Medicaid benefits in place. Another survey was granted as an 11th-hour measure.

"We found them in substantial compliance," Tom Schafer, a spokesman for the Illinois Department of Public Health, said Thursday. "It will be up to the U.S. Health Care Financing Administration to make a determination what they want to do with the facility. We did our part, finishing the re-entry inspection yesterday."

This was the seventh on-site survey of the home, which previously had been cited for more than 40 violations of Medicare and Medicaid rules.

As a result of the survey, Schafer said his agency will recommend to the HCFA that SunRise be allowed to participate in the Medicaid program.

Saying that he had "every expectation" that the HCFA would reinstate the home's eligibility, SunRise spokesman Todd Sandman said the credit for the successful survey belonged to the many staff members, patients and family members who had helped bring about the most recent inspection.

"This is a great achievement. Now, we will move forward to apply for Medicaid recertification. Everyone wanted to make sure the doors stayed open and provided for the men and women who live there," Sandman said.

Robert Ford, whose father is a resident at the home, said he was delighted with the survey, which he said had residents overjoyed.

"There was a lot of hugging, kissing and crying. Most of the patients have been there three or four years. It's been quite a fear for the residents that we would have to traumatize

them by moving them."

Violette King of Nursing Home Monitors, a grass-roots watchdog group based in Godfrey, said the news left her with mixed feelings.

"We are very happy that SunRise has come into compliance. The last thing in the world we wanted to see was these people moved out," King said, noting that the trauma elderly people face during such a move often can lead to serious health problems and even death.

"We are not happy with the \$68,200 in civil penalties they were assessed. That is not much money for a company that paid its CEO \$6.5 million last year," King said.

King said she believes SunRise felt little pain from the fines levied against it for noncompliance and held out as long as possible before correcting citations because officials at the home didn't believe the state would decertify it. The surveys performed by the state, she said, cost taxpayers a total of about \$100,000.

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Botanical Garden hosting Chinese days

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

The Missouri Botanical Garden is devoting an entire weekend to Chinese Cultural Days this year.

Visitors can explore the cultural heritage of China from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd.

Cultural Days has been a one-day event in the past. "The program has been extended as well," said Leslie Muskopf, a garden spokeswoman. "It's a beautiful time of the year and a unique event in this region."

The opening ceremony begins at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Miles Sculpture Garden. Chinese Cultural

Days concludes with the colorful Lion Dance, which lures visitors to join a parade that leads to a makeshift Chinese village.

The village, complete with various merchants, craft masters and performers, will be a re-enactment of typical Chinese street life through the centuries.

The renowned Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe will perform five shows during the weekend at the Shoenberg Auditorium. Performances are scheduled for 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday.

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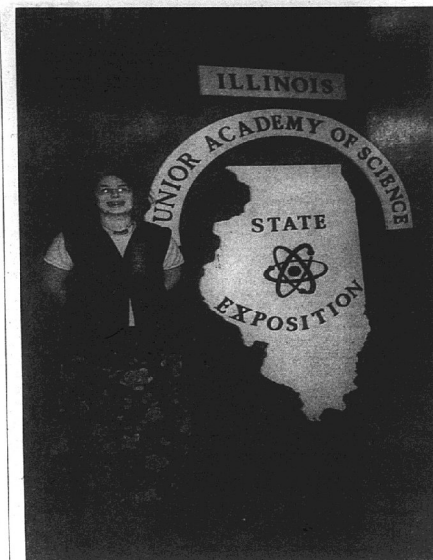
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Science winner

Bridget Hopkins, a seventh-grade student at Holy Family School in Granite City, received an "outstanding" for her science fair project at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science State Science Fair in May. The fair was held at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. Bridget's project was one of those selected at the regional JAS Science Fair competition at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in March.

Only three National stores sold at auction

By Kim Wright
Staff writer

Sixteen of 19 National Markets stores in the St. Louis area failed to be auctioned off Wednesday, leaving some city officials concerned about filling the vacant buildings.

Kathy Surraat-States, bankruptcy trustee for Family Company of America, former owner of National, said bidding at the auction was disappointing.

"I think there were leases that had more value than they were auctioned for," she said.

Overall, Wednesday's auction of three leases and equipment garnered \$450,000.

"It's just less money for the estate that would be ultimately paid out to the creditors," Surraat-States said.

The St. Ann location, 10431 St. Charles Rock Road, was one of the 16 that did not sell.

"It's a disappointment that the leases were not sold," St.

Ann Mayer Claude Buchheit said. "We have not actively went out and pursued a buyer at this point because we didn't know what the outcome of the auction would be."

Buchheit said he will begin the process of filling the vacancy.


Bellefontaine Neighbors Mayor Marty Reidhoff hopes to find another full-service grocery store for the property at 10223 Lewis and Clark Boulevard.

"We are concerned that it is vacant," he said. "And we will continue to look for a tenant."

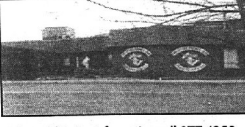
The three stores that sold are expected to open within 90 days.

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St. Louis police officer shoots, kills family pet

Dog was threatening children, cop claims

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

Elizabeth Barnhart said Kody could be such a sweetheart of a dog.

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The 65-pound German

shepherd-chow mix sometimes licked the face of her 6-month old child, she said.

Just before 11 a.m. Thursday, Joseph Niemira, an off-duty St. Louis police officer, shot and killed Kody after the dog wandered into Niemira's yard.

Niemira was outside on the porch with his daughters, ages 4 and 5, said. "Your dog is dead. I killed your dog," just like that," said Barnhart, who lives in the 5500 block of Nottingham Avenue, a block from Niemira in the Southampton neighborhood.

Barnhart said Kody and her other dog, Eddy, a Labrador retriever, spent much of their time indoors. She isn't sure how the dogs escaped from the yard. A business owner on Hampton Avenue found Eddy and saw Barnhart's telephone number on the dog's collar.

"When she called me, that was the first time I knew they were missing," Barnhart said. "This was the first time they ever left the yard."

A woman walking her dog alerted Barnhart that one of her dogs might be injured.

She said she heard several shots fired and a dog whimpering," Barnhart said.

"I didn't know what to think. I was hysterical."

Barnhart ran up the block to Niemira's house. "That's when he told me my dog was dead," Barnhart said.

"I got to his (St. Louis police officer Joseph Niemira) house (in south St. Louis) and he said, 'Your dog is dead. I killed your dog,' just like that... This was the first time they ever left the yard... I didn't know what to think. I was hysterical."

Elizabeth Barnhart
South St. Louis resident

A family member reached at Niemira's home said he could not talk about the incident according to police department policy.

A veterinarian told Barnhart the dog was shot numerous times. Eddy was not hurt.

Barnhart said she is bothered by the circumstances of the shooting. Niemira was telling other officers at the scene that he tried to corner Kody by the fence, Barnhart said.

"That's exactly something that you shouldn't do," she said. "These are not mean, vicious animals. They're house pets. And he shoots five or six or more times?"

Richard Wilkes, a police department spokesman, said the internal affairs division is investigating the shooting. According to a police report, Wilkes said Niemira believed the dogs were threatening to him and to his children.

"The loss of the dog is devastating," Barnhart said. "I just want the whole story. This just seems like it was so excessive."

Curt Ransom, director of rescue operations for the Humane Society of Missouri, said it is legal to shoot an animal if it is injuring a person or a farm animal.

"That's the law, and to me it sounds like the animal has to be in the act of injuring the person or animal," Ransom said. "It's hard to comment on specific cases, though."

The Humane Society plans to monitor the police investigation, Ransom said. He said persons accused of illegally shooting an animal can face abuse charges.

People who fear a strange dog should go inside the house and call St. Louis Animal Control, Ransom said. Sometimes spraying the animal with a garden hose can make it leave the area, he said.

If the dog appears ready to attack, curl up in a fetal position, Ransom said. Do not corner an animal, he said.

"If the dog doesn't perceive you as a threat, he should calm down," Ransom said.

Before coming to the Humane Society, Ransom said he spent 14 years picking up stray dogs for St. Louis Animal Control.

"Not once did I feel there was a need to shoot an animal," he said.



Time to change

Mrs. Laub's first-grade class at Worthen Elementary School in Granite City recently released several caterpillars they had been using in their science unit. They were studying how caterpillars turn themselves into butterflies. Here, Zachary Hahn, left, and Tyler Vaughn let go of their caterpillars.

MetroLink extension would be better underground, group says

By Sonia Ahuja
Staff writer

Members of a group who want a planned MetroLink extension to run underground say a below-ground route would be less expensive in the long run than one with elevated tracks.

St. Louis County Executive George R. "Buz" Westfall said May 26 building the extension on elevated tracks — instead of below ground or at ground level — is an option that has not received enough consideration.

"Mr. Westfall is saying we should look at all options," said Mac Scott, a spokesman

for Westfall. "All the debate has been over the merits and demerits of building above-grade or below grade. All options need to be considered."

MetroLink is to be extended from the DeBaliviere Avenue station in the Central West End west to Clayton and then south to Shrewsbury.

The East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, which is directing the extension project, is to announce its decision June 30 on a design.

Construction is to begin in 2002 and be completed in 2005, East-West Gateway officials have said.

Many area residents have

said they oppose an extension at ground level. They believe an underground design is the only acceptable option.

However, East-West Gateway officials have said an underground design would be more expensive to construct and operate.

Preliminary estimates released by the group show a street-level design would cost about \$320 million and an underground design would cost about \$518 million.

The RTC is a coalition of various groups that support an underground design. It held a press conference Wednesday at its headquarters in Clayton.

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News

Coalition builds homes in city neighborhoods

Volunteer labor, donations help defray costs

By Jason White
Staff writer

A coalition of local groups is building lives from the ground up.

The Neighborhood Faith-Based Housing Program has built seven houses in two years in

East St. Louis' Emerson Park and Olivette Park neighborhoods.

Three houses are near the Family Center in Olivette Park and four houses are near the Lessee Bates Neighborhood House in Emerson Park.

Organizations involved include Catholic Urban Programs, Lessee Bates, the Family Center, East Side Heart and Home in East St. Louis, the Emerson Park Development Corp. and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.

"We've pooled our expertise and are now in the process of building our seventh home," Family Center Director Sister Carol Lehmkuhl said. "We build these homes for low-income

people who are looking to get their equity and independence going."

Homeowners, who so far have all been families, must help work on the homes, must be associated with one of the organizations and must have a \$250 savings account.

Houses typically cost \$55,000 to \$60,000. Proceeds from home sales are used to build new houses.

The group is not affiliated with Habitat for Humanity and does not receive government funding. Like Habitat for Humanity, the group does "Blitz Builds," which mobilize armies of volunteers to build homes. The most recent blitz was from May 17-22.

Costs are defrayed by using volunteer labor and donated materials. For example, prisoners at the Hardin County work camp made the trusses for the homes. Area companies have also been generous—Swansea Concrete donated concrete blocks.

"We have a lot of people that have been very good to us as far as donating materials," Lehmkuhl said.

Gift to aid swim program

Casino Queen Foundation donates \$10,000

By Jason White
Staff writer

Local youth will swim safely this summer thanks to the American Red Cross and the Casino Queen.

A \$10,000 Casino Queen Foundation contribution will keep the Red Cross' summer safety program alive for another year. The \$34,000 program will also be funded with a pending grant from the Community Development Block Grant Operations Corp.

About 900 youth ages 5-18 will learn about swimming, water safety and lifeguarding techniques in free classes at the Pop Myles Pool in Lincoln Park, East St. Louis' only swimming pool. Classes also will be taught at community centers and schools.

Drowning is the second leading accidental cause of death for people ages 5-24 and the fourth leading accidental cause of death for all ages.

"We were happy to come forward and make sure the summer went right for the kids," Casino Queen Assistant General Manager Tom Monaghan said Wednesday at

the pool, which opens next month.

This year, the Red Cross plans to train 575 youth in water safety, 300 to learn to swim, 10 in lifeguarding, four as water safety instructors and 10 in pre-lifeguard classes.

"It'll get new skills and be earning income," said Michael D. Farley, chief executive officer of the St. Louis Bi-State Chapter of the Red Cross.

The Red Cross recommends the following water safety tips for parents:

— Constantly watch children no matter how shallow the water is or what swimming skills the child has.

— Don't rely on flotation devices and inflatable toys.

— Enroll children in a water safety program.

— Take a CPR course.

— Obey "No Diving" signs.

— Never swim and drink alcohol.

— Know weather conditions and prepare for storms.

— Know how to prevent and respond to emergencies.

For information about water safety, call the Red Cross at (314) 516-2740 or 271-1700.

Edwardsville restaurant offers gourmet cooking classes

By Curtiss Hartley
Staff writer

Closest gourmet chefs or wannabe's can hone their cooking skills during a series of classes in Edwardsville this summer.

Neruda Restaurant has been offering the popular series since January and the response has been overwhelming, said Kelly Daley, owner, kitchen manager and chef at the 2-year-old restaurant.

The summer series includes "Basic Gourmet 101," parts one and two, and "Pairing Food With Wine." Each Saturday class offers discussions and demonstrations on a variety of classic techniques, Daley said. And, of course, sampling the product is a must.

"We eat everything we cook," Daley said.

"We have a little wine, and a general discussion of each item."

Daley has been practicing her own gourmet skills for the past eight years, and relishes the opportunity to share her insights.

"I recently spent a couple of weeks in Thailand, and now I can come back and teach some of those techniques," she said.

Since Daley started teaching the classes the first of the year the response has been overwhelming, she said.

"We have people from Granite City,

Collinsville, St. Louis, Millstadt, Belleville and Alton. It's a pretty broad spectrum of people," she said.

"We're definitely trying to teach people how to cook better, not necessarily gourmet, at home," she said. "They don't need to go out and buy a thousand ingredients. It's pretty basic stuff."

The classes Daley teaches are very seasonal, she said. Just like the food she serves in her restaurant.

"Right now we're using a lot of fresh fruits. We'll do fresh fruit salads with grilled meats, for instance."

Daley said teaching the classes is good promotion for the restaurant, but more important is the chance to enjoy good cooking with like-minded people.

"Unfortunately, they won't be able to be right in there chopping and mixing," Daley said. "But the classes are held in the kitchen at Neruda, so as we're cooking, they're right in there with us and watching us."

Because the classes are held right in the mix of things, class size is limited to 15 people.

"It's first come, first served," Daley said.

"They can call in their reservation with a credit card, or drop off the payment to reserve a space in the class," she said.

The classes are held one Saturday each month, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Sesame-seasoned chicken goes with Oriental noodles for a taste treat from the grill.

Lamb makes well-seasoned barbecued burgers.

nonstick cooking spray, or spray the food itself and sprinkle with seasoning. Choose firm or extra-firm tofu for grilling.

A medium fire is one where a hand can be held about five inches above the grill three to four seconds before it must be removed; anything longer means the fire is cooler, while less time indicates a hotter fire.

Use long tongs for turning meat. Replace them and any other dishes or utensils that have touched raw meat with clean ones as the meat turns from raw to cooked.

Sugar and fat cause a fire to flare. Thus, the more fat on food, the more it causes flames. Barbecue sauce also causes them, so it should be used at the end of cooking, or create a pan or basket away from direct heat so the food steams with the flavor of barbecue sauce on it.

To avoid singed skewers, use metal ones or soak wooden ones in water 30 minutes before searing bite-size pieces of meat, fish, vegetables or fruit for cooking.

The eye moves straight from the grill to appetizing side dishes.

Use colorful vegetables and

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

The way to avoid getting stuck in a rut is not to fall into one.

To do that, follow a variety of paths to the outdoor grill. Prepare hot dogs, steaks and hamburgers intermittently. Save bratwurst for the picnic with Uncle Sam. Marinate chicken in a different liquid every time it is on the menu.

Lean foods, such as seafood and poultry breasts, and nonfat foods like vegetables need help to avoid sticking. Coat a cold grill rack with

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Season grill with diversity to avoid routine

Fruit Smoothies



Smoothies, relatively a new kid on the block, will become a favorite as warm weather heats up. With fruit and a rich milk base, they appeal, fill up and vary by favorite flavors. They are colorful and invite help to make them. They are easy and quick to make with whirl of a blender. For more refreshing drink ideas, visit the web sites www.eaglebrand.com and www.realemon.net.

Berry-Good Smoothies

- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed (not evaporated) milk, chilled
- 1 carton (8 oz.) plain yogurt
- 1 small banana, cut up
- 1 cup fresh or frozen whole strawberries
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple in juice, chilled
- 2 tsp. bottled lemon juice
- 1 cup ice cubes
- Halved fresh strawberries, if desired

In blender, whirl milk, yogurt, banana, whole strawberries, undrained pineapple and lemon juice until smooth. With blender running, gradually add ice cubes, continue to blend until smooth. Serve immediately. Garnish with halved strawberries.

Makes 8 servings.
Peach Smoothies: Use 2 cups fresh or frozen sliced peaches instead of berries and pineapple.

Key Lime Smoothies: Omit berries, pineapple and lemon juice. Add 1/3 cup bottled lime juice. Tint with a few drops green food coloring and garnish with sliced lime, if desired.

Trim the fat: Use fat-free or low-fat sweetened condensed milk and fat-free yogurt.

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Lively Taste

Pep up the flavor of regular or instant rice as it cooks. Use other liquids in place of water. Add bouillon, canned or homemade broth, soup, even milk. A quick way to cook lively Spanish rice is to cook it with a 10-ounce can of tomatoes and green chiles. For more subtle flavor, add herbs, like basil, tarragon, thyme or sage in amounts that complement the rest of the meal. After cooking, add a sprinkling of grated parmesan cheese, with or without seasoning.

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Medicine Chest

Caregivers use simple strategies to help loved ones eat better.
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Fresh Picks

Add fresh green beans to pasta for a flavorful side salad. Cook 1 pound green beans, cut in 1-inch pieces, in water at a rolling boil 3 minutes. Immediately plunge into ice water for 3 minutes to stop cooking. Drain well. Cook about 1 cup (4 ounces) elbow macaroni according to package directions. Rinse in cool water. Drain well. Combine beans, pasta, 2 to 4 tablespoons oil, 2 tablespoons vinegar, 1-1/2 teaspoons oregano, 1 teaspoon garlic powder and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. If necessary for texture, add 1 or 2 spoonfuls of water. Toss lightly to blend ingredients. Chill. For almost no fat, use prepared fat-free salad dressing instead of making dressing from scratch.

Big Fat Tip

A nonstick skillet helps avoid the need for adding extra fat, even for stir-fry. Use only 1 tablespoon canola oil to prepare Turkey Fajita Stir-Fry. In a nonstick skillet, heat oil over high heat. Add 2 cloves garlic, minced, then 3/4 pound boneless, skinless turkey breast, cut in very thin strips. Cook 2 to 3 minutes until meat is browned. Add 1/4 cup lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon chili powder, 1/2 teaspoon oregano, 1/4 teaspoon thyme, 1/4 teaspoon cumin, 1/4 teaspoon pepper and 1 red bell pepper, sliced in strips. Cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes. Add 1/2 teaspoon pepper sauce. Mix well. Serve immediately in soft tortillas or over hot cooked rice.

Future Shop

To save money, invest in regularly used sale items, particularly frozen or canned foods, that can be stored indefinitely. If it is important to know an expiration date, mark it on the package with indelible ink.

Today's Food

Sharp cook will mince no slips when slicing

By Mary Schroepfer
Correspondent

In the kitchen a knife sharply defines the cook. Food can be minced, diced, chopped, sliced, cut julienne or diagonally. Not only does cutting food in

WISE WAYS

pieces make eating simpler, but evenly-sized pieces help food cook evenly, especially when cooking time is short.

However food is cut, a sharp knife and a cutting board is where to start. A sharp knife is a safer knife, because less pressure is required to cut. It does not slip as easily, the hand does not tire as quickly and it is easier to use.

Use the correct size and type of knife for the right job. When possible, cut away from the body. When not in use, knives should be stored in a rack or holder.

Due to its dangerous qualities, there are a lot of "don'ts" attached to a knife. Do not use it to stab, pull or lift materials. A knife should not be used as a can opener, screwdriver or ice pick. Never use it to "hack" or pry apart frozen food.

Both cutting board and knife always should be clean at the start. Scrub the cutting board with hot soap and water between each use, or run plastic or polymer cutting boards through the dishwasher after each use.

Everything in the kitchen can be cut with an understanding of these terms:

Slice: Cut food in thin slices to 1/4-inch thickness. Meat, cheese, tomatoes and cucumbers are often thinly sliced for sandwiches. Vegetables are often thinly sliced when recipes call for brief, quick cooking, and potatoes are sliced for casseroles.

Julienne: Food is first sliced, then each slice is cut in matchstick shapes. Vegetables like carrots, broccoli stems, celery, potatoes and peppers are cut julienne-style in stir-fry, garnish or salad. Meat or chicken is cut julienne for chef salads.

Dice: Cut food in very small pieces of the same square shape and size. Slice food 1/2-inch thick, then cut each slice into strips 1/2-inch long. Cut strips crosswise to dice.

Mince: Cut or chop such foods as garlic, onion and parsley in very tiny pieces, then continue chopping it until it is cut very fine.

Chop: Cut in small, irregular pieces. Using a French knife, cut food with a vertical downward rocking motion. Pieces need not be uniform in shape.

Bias cut: Carrots, asparagus and celery are cut diagonally to increase tenderness, decrease cooking time or create an attractive appearance. Hold a knife perpendicular to the table and the food diagonally to the blade. Cut across the food at an angle to produce a long, slender cut.

Grab a knife to practice on this easy, tasty 5-a-Day salad.

Home economist Mary Schroepfer is nutrition specialist for University Extension (University of Missouri system) in Franklin County.

MARINATED POTATO SALAD

2 cups hot cooked potatoes, cubed or sliced
1/3 cup light Italian salad dressing
1/2 cup bias-cut celery
1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
1/4 cup sliced radish
2 tbsp. chopped green bell pepper
1-1/2 cups lightly cooked broccoli, coarsely chopped
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. dill weed

In large bowl, pour salad dressing over hot potatoes. Mix gently to coat. Marinate, covered, in refrigerator at least 2 hours.

Add celery, onion, radish, green pepper, broccoli, salt and dill. Toss gently to combine.

Makes 6 servings; 91 calories, 2 g fat, 1 mg cholesterol and 3 g dietary fiber each.

of the sauce is used for marinating and the rest reserved for seasoning the noodles.

Thick or hard vegetables, like potatoes and carrots, should be boiled until tender-crisp or almost done before cooking on a grill.

Red meat variety includes lamb for burgers.

TUNA TANGO KABOBS

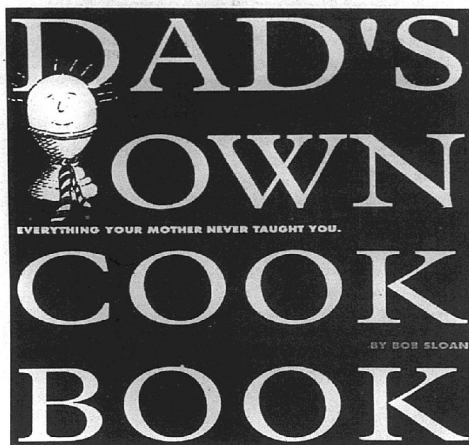
1 tbsp. Caribbean jerk seasoning
1 tbsp. oil
1-1/2 lb. tuna or swordfish steak
1/2 cup canned pineapple tidbits, drained
1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
1/4 cup chopped purple onion
2 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
1 tsp. lime juice
1/2 to 1 tsp. minced, seeded jalapeno pepper

Mix jerk seasoning and oil. Brush on both sides of steaks. Refrigerate, covered, 30 minutes to 2 hours. Gently stir together pineapple, bell pepper, onion, cilantro, lime juice and jalapeno. Let stand at least 30 minutes.

Cut steaks in 1-inch cubes. Thread onto skewers. Grill, covered, 4 to 6 inches 2 to 3 minutes. Turn over. Grill about 2 minutes longer.

Serve kabobs with salsa. Makes 4 servings.

Surprise your Dad with gift of taste



Even though he may be untrained in the ways of the kitchen, give dad the opportunity to be creative there.

Think beyond ties and aftershave

Getting a gift for dad on Father's Day leads down familiar paths. Retailers gear up for a big rush on ties and aftershave lotion. Crayons and construction paper come out as cards are made. Moms plan steak dinners.

Dear ol' dad appreciates the homemade cards and special dinner, but maybe he already has 200 ties and 25 gallons of cologne. Try a fresh approach to Father's Day this year with a new, creative, 319-page book, "Dad's Own Cookbook," by Bob Sloan. Designed to introduce dads everywhere to the joy of cooking, "Dad's Own" is a cookbook that assumes nothing and leads to happy, long-lasting results in the kitchen.

Covering everything from "getting started" — how to shop, basic

kitchen equipment, how to read a recipe and more — to "throwing a birthday party for your child," the book's 17 chapters contain dozens of user-friendly recipes ranging from beef and fish to salads and desserts. In addition, lively charts, tips and directions help bring out the chef in any dad.

"Dad's Own Cookbook," No. W16, is \$16.95, which includes postage, handling and delivery in three to four weeks. For delivery in seven to 10 days, add \$3.

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Radishes spark flavor in salad, fajita

By Barb Gray
Correspondent

Pungent radishes are controversial. People usually love 'em or hate 'em. They come in many shapes — round, long or oblong. Although most people in the U.S. are

familiar with the white flesh and white skin, they also come in shades of pink, yellow, purple or black.

Taste varies from mild to peppery. Depending on the variety, they range from one inch to at least two feet long and weigh up to several pounds apiece. The name is derived from the Latin word for "radix" meaning "root."

The pungent, fleshy root of a hardy annual plant is native to temperate regions of Asia and has been cultivated in China, Japan and India for thousands of years.

Oriental radishes are by far the largest. Because they are coarse in flavor and texture, they are most often cooked or pickled.

Radishes can be cooked

like any root vegetable in a microwave oven. Place 6 ounces of radishes in a small casserole dish with 1/2 cup water. Microwave, covered, on high power 4 to 5 minutes. For color, nothing outshines radishes cooked with green peas.

Radishes are available year-round. Look for smooth, well-formed, firm radishes. When they reach the home kitchen, remove their leaves and rootlets, wash them thoroughly and refrigerate them.

Here are tips for using them which figure into expanding the cooking repertoire to include them:

* Small radishes usually are milder in flavor than big ones.

* Radish leaves are as versatile as their roots. Toss leaves with salad greens or briefly steam them with vegetables for a pleasant, peppery bite.

* Sliced radishes make flavorful, crunchy stand-ins for water chestnuts in favorite stir-fry recipes.

* A serving of radishes (about 7) provides 30 percent of the daily vitamin C requirement and has only 20 calories.

* Chilling limp radishes in ice water restores their

crunch.

These popular fajitas from the North American Radish Council in New York hold a variety of vegetables for color and

crunch. It makes a tasty luncheon or dinner dish.

Certified family and consumer scientist Barb Gray specializes in microwave cooking.

FAJITAS WITH A TWIST

1/4 cup lime juice
3 tbsp. olive oil
1 tsp. salt
3/4 tsp. ground cumin
1 lb. boneless sirloin steak, cut diagonally in thin slices
1 bag (6 oz.) radishes, sliced (about 1-1/2 cups)
1 large green bell pepper, cut in strips (about 1-1/4 cups)
1 large onion, cut in thin wedges (about 1-1/4 cups)
1 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
6 flour tortillas, warmed
Hot sauce, if desired

In medium bowl, combine lime juice, 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon cumin. Add beef. Toss until well coated.

In large nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil over high heat. Add radishes, green pepper, onion, remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon cumin. Cook, stirring often, about 5 minutes until vegetables are barely tender. Remove to covered bowl.

Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to skillet. Heat until hot. Cook and stir beef, half at a time, about 3 minutes until browned.

Transfer beef to bowl with vegetables. Return beef and vegetables to skillet. Cook and stir about 2 minutes until heated through. Stir in cilantro.

To serve, wrap meat mixture in tortillas. Add hot sauce. Yields 6 servings

LAMB BURGERS

Zesty Burgers: Combine 1 pound lean ground lamb, 2 tablespoons prepared mustard, 1 teaspoon chili powder, 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Mix well. Shape into 4 patties.

Grill over moderate coals 5 to 7 minutes on each side until burger is cooked to medium doneness and is no longer pink in center.

Serve on white, wheat or sourdough buns with sliced onion and green bell peppers topped with salsa or barbecue sauce.

Cheeseburgers: Combine 1 pound lean ground lamb, 1/3 cup reduced-fat grated cheddar or Swiss cheese, 1 teaspoon finely minced or grated onion, 1/8 teaspoon pepper, 2 tablespoons ketchup and 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt. Mix well. Shape into 4 patties.

Grill over moderate

coals 5 to 7 minutes on each side until burger is cooked to medium doneness and is no longer pink in center.

Serve on white, wheat or sourdough buns with lettuce, sliced tomato, pickles and, if desired, extra sliced cheese.

Spicy Burgers: Combine 1 pound lean ground lamb, 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder, 1/8 teaspoon pepper, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 1/4 teaspoon leaf oregano, 2 tablespoons chili sauce and 1 teaspoon prepared mustard. Mix well. Shape into 4 patties.

Grill over moderate coals 5 to 7 minutes on each side until burger is cooked to medium doneness and is no longer pink in center.

Serve on white, wheat or sourdough buns with guacamole, alfalfa sprouts and horseradish sauce.

Each of the lamb burgers on bun without condiments has about 300 calories and 11 g fat (13 in Cheeseburger).

Variety

Continued from page 1.

and brush them with a mixture of orange juice, honey and butter-flavor sprinkles.

Use fresh mixtures for glazes, rather than marinades in which meat or fish has soaked. In Oriental Sesame Chicken, part

Condiments match the flavors mixed with the meat. For instance, a spicy mix-

ture that includes chili powder can be topped with salsa or barbecue sauce.

ORIENTAL SESAME CHICKEN

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (1-1/4 to 1-1/2 lb.)
2 tsp. salt-free seasoning (Mrs. Dash suggested)
1-1/3 cups sweet-and-sour sauce (9 to 10 oz. bottle)
3 tsp. toasted sesame oil
Boiling water
2 pkg. (5 to 6 oz. each) unseasoned Oriental noodles
More toasted sesame seeds, if desired

In small bowl, combine seasoning, sweet-and-sour sauce and 1 teaspoon oil. Cover and reserve 1/2 cup sauce mixture in refrigerator.

In large baking pan, pour remaining sauce over chicken. Marinate, covered, in refrigerator 1 to 2 hours, turning once.

Grill 5 inches from heat 5 minutes. Turn over. Grill 7 minutes longer or until done.

Pour boiling water over noodles. Let soak 3 minutes. Drain. Stir-fry noodles in 2 teaspoons oil. Toss with reserved sauce mixture.

Top noodles with cooked chicken and sprinkle with remaining sesame seeds.

Makes 4 servings; 530 calories, 8 g fat, 75 mg cholesterol, 270 mg sodium, 28 g carbohydrate and 31 g protein each.

Note: Instead of noodles, substitute 4 cups cooked rice or chilled mixed greens.

Recipe

CHICKEN AND PASTA WITH ORANGE SAUCE

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup frozen orange juice
concentrate, thawed
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chicken broth
4 tsp. cornstarch
6 oz. rotini or corkscrew

pasta
1 pkg. (16 oz.) uncooked
frozen Italian vegetable
blend (zucchini, carrots,
cauliflower, lima beans

and Italian beans) or
other mixed vegetables
2 cups cubed, cooked
chicken or turkey
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. snipped fresh basil
1/8 tsp. pepper

In small saucepan,
combine juice concentrate,
broth and cornstarch. Cook
and stir until thickened and
bubbly. Cook and stir 2
minutes longer.

In large saucepan, cook
pasta in boiling, lightly
salted water 5 minutes. Add
frozen vegetables. Return
to boil. Cook 5 minutes
longer or until pasta and
vegetables are tender.
Drain.

Return pasta and
vegetables to saucepan.
Add sauce, chicken, basil
and pepper.

Fruit, nuts, and cheese help brownie go bananas in split

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BANANA SPLIT BROWNIES

- 1 pkg. (about 21 oz.)
brownie mix
- 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream
cheese, softened
(regular or light)
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup sugar
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed
pineapple, well drained
Sliced strawberries
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped nuts
- 1 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
- 1 tbsp. butter or
margarine

Preheat oven to 375
degrees. Coat jellyroll pan
(17-by-11-inches) with
nonstick cooking spray.
Prepare brownie mix
according to package
directions. Spread in
prepared pan.

Bake in preheated oven
20 to 22 minutes or until
done. Cool to room
temperature.

Mix cream cheese and
sugar until smooth. Spread
over brownie.

Top with bananas (if
cake will be refrigerated
several hours, toss in
mixture of 1 cup water and
1 tablespoon lemon juice),
strawberries and nuts.

Melt chocolate with
butter, stirring until
smooth. Drizzle over top.
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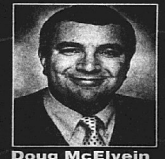
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Today's Food

Using lean meat doubles pleasure of skinny grilling

By Cheryl Houston
Correspondent

Nothing says "summer's here" like the great taste of barbecue. Even though grilling is a low-fat cooking method, the type of meat chosen for the grill may be too high in fat to fit comfortably in a heart-healthy eating plan.

HEART-Y BITES

But don't think about giving up grilling meats. There are lower-fat choices within many categories of meat.

For example, skinless white-meat chicken, such as chicken breast, has about 3 grams fat in a three-ounce portion, which is the size of a deck of cards or the palm of the hand. The same portion of skinless dark meat, such as chicken thigh, has about 9 grams fat, almost as much fat as in a tablespoon of butter or margarine.

Even though meat producers use new feeding and breeding techniques to naturally lower the fat content of beef and pork, the cut still influences its fat content. Seven cuts of beef — eye of the round, top round, round tip, top sirloin, bottom round, top loin and tenderloin —

contain less fat than skinless dark-meat chicken. Lean pork is labeled tenderloin or center loin. Pork steaks, ribs and sausages are not cut from these sections and contain more fat.

Start by trimming visible fat from the meat before cooking. This cuts overall fat content of beef up to 50 percent. Many cuts have no external fat at all, so trimming is not necessary.

Tender cuts of beef and pork, such as the loin, stay tender with the right cooking method — broiling, pan broiling, roasting on a rack or grilling — so they make great choices for a backyard barbecue.

However, to make less tender cuts, like round cuts, appropriate for a grill, marinate them before cooking. No matter which lean cut of beef is chosen for this recipe, adapted from the web site www.mymenus.com, it will bring rave reviews. No one will miss the bones or the fat.

Registered dietitian Cheryl Houston is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

NO-RIB RIBS

- 1 cup fat-free Western salad dressing
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tbsp. molasses
- 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. minced onion
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 2 lb. lean beef: top round, round tip, top sirloin, bottom round, top loin, tenderloin or eye of round

Place beef in 13-by-9-inch glass baking dish.

Combine salad dressing, soy sauce, molasses, chili powder, onion, garlic powder and pepper. Pour over beef. Cover with plastic wrap. Marinate at least several hours, as long as overnight, turning occasionally.

Remove beef, discarding marinade. Grill 5 to 10 minutes per side until desired doneness.

Makes 8 servings; 202 calories, 6 g fat (2.4 g saturated), 75 mg cholesterol, 26 g protein and 289 mg sodium each, based on top sirloin.

Note: When using marinade, half the nutrients are figured into nutrition analysis because excess liquid is discarded.

Waffles take plunge in fruity pourable syrups

The road to breakfast was gilded with Polaner pourable all-fruit — black cherries, strawberries and blueberries — for testers last week.

TEST RUN

Each available in a 10-ounce jar for \$2.29 at Dierberg's, the product is sweetened with fruit juice concentrates, rather than corn syrups, sugar or sugar substitutes. The pourable fruit also comes in apricot.

Everybody who tried them appreciated their special-occasion sweetness.

"I knew the fruit pourables would be delicious because I've had the all-fruit spreads by Polaner. I was right. They are just wonderful! These pourables are just the right consistency for pancakes, waffles and other things," an enthusiastic tester said.

She liked all three flavors enough to wonder which she would buy. Other tasters lined up to say the blueberry all-fruit lived up to expectations best.

"All had nice color and an abundance of fruit, not just syrup," another taster said. The fruit syrups reminded her of being a kid

at a pancake house, choosing the fruit syrups along with maple syrup. The blueberry was called the best by several tasters because the syrup, as well as the fruit, carried the flavor well.

"The blueberry was by far the best. It had the strongest flavor," a taster said. He gave strawberry second place.

Another evaluated each of them.

"Blueberry has the richest color and texture — bright blue, thick and syrupy. The strawberry has a lovely color, bright red with lots of berries. The cherry was nice, but not as dramatic as the other two. It's a little tart, which is nice, with good-size cherries. The cherries are dark, not very red."

Another selected blueberry over the black cherry.

"The toppings, especially the blueberry with a slight tangy edge, were just right. Some of the sweeter was cut with the waffles. Plus, I felt good that it was using more natural products and had real fruit," she said.

The chunky pieces of fruit brought back memories of when her family switched

to using fresh and frozen fruits instead of syrup on pancakes and waffles due to her sister's health diagnosis. That added up on the plus side for her, leaving an impression of fruitiness on frozen waffles, which testers toasted individually.

Although he liked the product, a taster noted the price was a little high for him.

"Once again, I think the price is just a bit too high for my low-budget standards. If the price could be under \$2, I might consider purchasing such a product," he said.

Another called the pourable all-fruit something she would buy for a special occasion, rather than one she would provide on the table every day. Thus, she could justify the cost.

"They are very sweet, so a little would go a long way to lessen the long-range cost," she said.

A 1/4-cup serving of each product has 110 to 120 calories, 22 to 23 g sugars, 25 mg sodium and the black cherry lists 4 g dietary fiber.

Fruit, nuts, and cheese help brownie go bananas in split

Judy Thompson, Edwardsville, is the winner of this week's recipe contest for Banana Split Brownies. The prize is dinner certificates from the Pasta House Co.

BLUE RIBBON COOK

Instead of using ice cream as a base for banana split flavors, this dessert uses a brownie. It is an easy-to-make favorite whenever she uses it at a party or cookout. She likes it because it does not require elaborate ingredients. It should be kept chilled before serving. Recipes in the Dips Recipe Contest should be postmarked by June 30 for an opportunity to win one of four Wednesdays in July. Share the recipe for a dip

that often makes its way to the patio. A single household can submit a single recipe. Send it to: Dips Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131. It also can be e-mailed to westnews@primary.net.

BANANA SPLIT BROWNIES

- 1 pkg. (about 21 oz.) brownie mix
- 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened (regular or light)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, well drained
- Sliced bananas

- Sliced strawberries
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
- 1 tbsp. butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Coat jellyroll pan (17-by-11-inches) with nonstick cooking spray. Prepare brownie mix according to package directions. Spread in prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 20 to 22 minutes or until done. Cool to room temperature.

Mix cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Spread over brownie. Top with bananas (if cake will be refrigerated several hours, toss in mixture of 1 cup water and 1 tablespoon lemon juice), strawberries and nuts.

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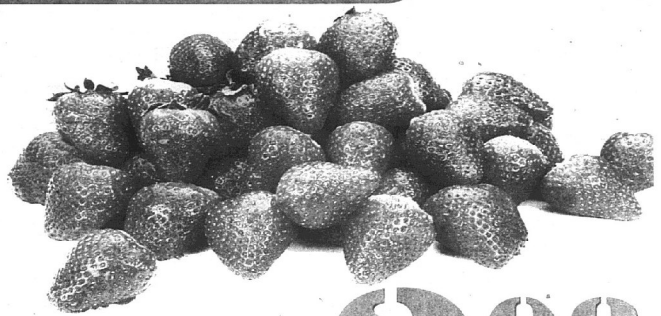


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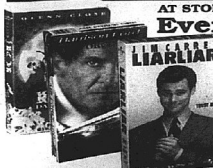
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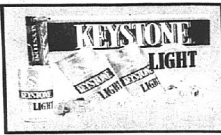
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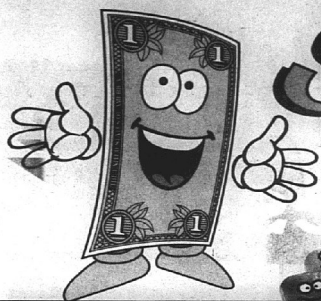
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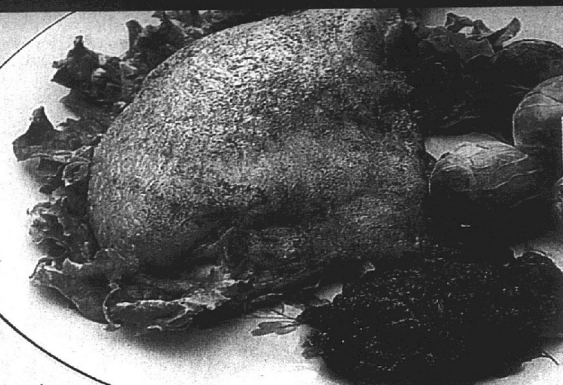
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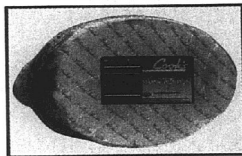
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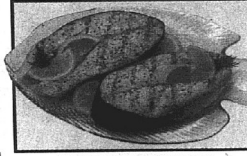
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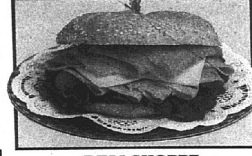
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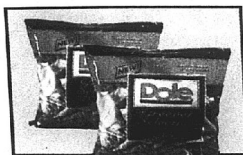
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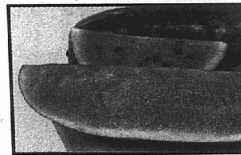
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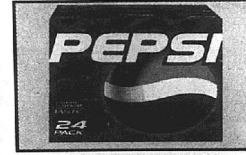
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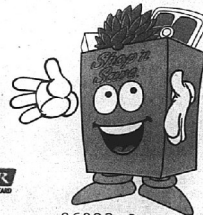
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Mazda
Special-edition
is fun to drive

By Tom Strongman

In many ways, Mazda's Miata is the modern incarnation of a traditional British sports car, and as such it tends to be small and noisy but fun to drive.

The 10th Anniversary Special Edition elevates the fun-to-drive quotient to new heights primarily because it comes with a more responsive suspension and a six-speed gearbox.

This nifty shifter boosts the energy level of the Miata's 140-horsepower, 1.8-liter, four-cylinder engine like a quart of ginseng. The extra gear slices the engine's power band into six pieces instead of five, which means engine revs drop less with every shift and acceleration is quicker.

The stubby lever's linkage is so direct, the clutch action so nicely weighted, that even the shortest trip is fun. Playing the exhaust note with this gearbox brings out the Walter Mitty in every driver and turns routine roads into fantasy race tracks. You can be into fourth gear and still not exceed 40 mph.

I found myself flicking through the gears and downshifting for every corner even when I was only running a dozen blocks to the hardware store.

The six-speed transmission is one of many things that sets

Mazda's 10th Anniversary Edition apart from its more pedestrian brethren. A front spoiler, aerodynamic side sills, chrome wheels, bright blue metallic paint and suede and leather seats put this diminutive two-seater in a class of its own.

Mazda limits production to 7,500 models worldwide, and only about 3,000 of them will be imported to the U.S. A numbered badge on the left fender guarantees exclusivity. Buyers of this special edition will each get a 1:43 scale model, a special key ring and his-and-hers 10th Anniversary Seika watches.

The engine is far from quiet, and wind noise, even with the top in place, is loud enough to require you to turn up the radio at highway speeds. But roadsters like this are about driving with the top down as much as possible.

Dropping the manual top, now a matching blue color, is a one-person operation. Undo the side latches and it simply can be plopped into place behind the seats without getting out of the vehicle. Putting it up is slightly harder, but not much. The glass back window has a built-in defogger.

A wind-blocker panel behind the seats helps cut down on cockpit turbulence, particularly when the side windows are up, and has a net storage pouch for incidental items such as sunglasses, crisis or maps.

Handling is an even bigger part of the sports-car equation than

outright power, and the special edition gets some help in this department as well. Bilstein shocks, a retuned suspension and a brace between the front shock absorber mounts make the handling crisper, because there is less structural flex.

Low-profile, 195/50 high-performance tires play a key role, too, as does the Torsen limited-slip differential. With a short, 89.2-inch wheelbase and power rack-and-pinion steering, this Miata pivots into corners like a go-cart.

Brakes are disc all around, and anti-lock is a \$550 option

The interior features a two-tone color scheme that is carried from the seats to the steering wheel and shift knob. Suede seat inserts grab the seat of your britches like Velcro so you don't slide around when driving briskly.

Artificial carbon-fiber panels on the console look a bit out of place to my eye.

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Search reopens for Mustang Museum site

By Rick Stoff

Have enough garage space to display a few dozen more cars? Probably not. That's why the Mustang Museum board is facing the same problem as every

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The Mustang Museum is supported by 70,000 Mustang Club members in 429 local clubs. The Mustang is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. Ford has sold more than 7 million Mustangs

Ford is producing a couple of special-edition Mustangs this year. Good luck in trying to get one. Only 300 models of an SVT Cobra R coupe, with a racing engine and suspension and a six-speed transmission, will be built. There also will be a 35th-anniversary-edition Mustang with special body panels, paint and upholstery. The company will build 6,000 of those.

Ford has entered the car-recycling business in a big way. The company thinks it can make money disposing of

cars as well as building them. Ford has purchased a salvage yard in Florida and "plans to expand its presence substantially in the coming months," the company has announced.

Ford plans to join the time-honored profession of dismantling retired vehicles for usable parts and scrap materials, and to supplement the salvage yard's resources by stocking it with parts from Ford assembly plants.

Government and law enforcement officers need to crack down on drowsy driving, the American Automobile Association decided at its recent annual meeting. AAA delegates voted to urge the U.S. Department of Transportation

to develop educational materials and lead an educational campaign to make drivers aware of the hazards created by driving without adequate amounts of sleep or rest breaks.

The delegates also said the government should fund research on the effectiveness of devices that would detect drowsiness by drivers. AAA says an estimated 10 to 15 percent of auto and truck fatalities are caused by sleepy drivers.

What is the world coming to? With trucks accounting for continually large percentages of new-vehicle sales, Lincoln has built and displayed a fancier pickup truck called Blackwood. Not to be confused with the Blackwood tree, it's preparing an upscale truck, too.

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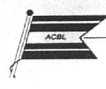
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FROM I-55-64-70 WEST

Take the first exit on Missouri, it is the Memorial Drive exit #251B. Go North on Memorial Drive, staying in right hand lane. Approximately 4 to 5 blocks to Washington Ave. Turn right on Washington Ave. (2) two blocks and turn left onto First Street, proceed North on First Street, 3 three blocks to Hotel.

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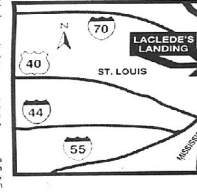
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District Sales Manager

The Telegraph is seeking an aggressive manager for the Circulation Department. Responsibilities include home delivery sales, contracting adult and youth carriers, and responding to customer service issues. We offer a flexible work schedule with a competitive salary and excellent benefits. Send resume and earnings history to: Attn. Circulation Director.

Inside Sales Representative

The Telegraph has an opening in the Classified Department for a Full-Time Inside Sales Representative. Duties include selling of Classified Advertising through both inbound and outbound telephone calls. Applicants must possess Excellent Customer Service Skills, a Minimum Typing Speed of 30 wpm and Must be Detail Oriented. Benefits include Health & Life Insurance, 401K, Paid Holidays & Vacations. Take Applications Monday Through Friday 9am to 5pm or send Resume to: Attn. Classified Manager.

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The Telegraph has an immediate opening for four (4) Inserters in the mailroom. Must be able to work various shifts. Apply in person.

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IT'S NO DAY AT THE BEACH

Would-be lifeguards work hard to gain certification

For the 95 percent of the students who pass their examination, it will be a lesson not only in securing their certification but also in responsibility

Story by Nicole Vaughn
Photos by Ken Aubuchon

It's a Sunday afternoon and teams of students are clustered around tables in a "U" shape in a room at the Belleville YMCA.

Team members slap the table and shout out answers. Categories are cast on an overhead screen; scores are kept on a giant board. It's "Lifeguard Jeopardy."

The game puts a lighthearted twist on the deadly serious subject matter. The class of 22 mostly teens are learning information and skills that will help them get certification as lifeguards, something that will end up as summer work for most of them.

"I love swimming and I like to watch people having fun," said Jennifer Gass, 16, of Belleville. "(Lifeguarding) is a cool thing to do for the summer."

After a few teams attempt to answer a question, none correctly, they get a mild scolding from instructor Christy Fahey of Belleville.

"This is directly out of your books, so I don't want to hear any complaints out of anyone," she said sternly after supplying the correct response.

But it's not all serious. Team 3 prepares to answer a question on the four pieces of equipment a lifeguard needs. "Let's go for a bingo," jokes team member Steve Letsky of Swansea as he supplies the correct four items: whistle, binoculars, snorkel or mask and a two-way radio.

On Team 4, Chris Holmes of Collinsville is finding new and creative ways to slap the table to give his teammates a shot at a question. He doesn't remember to shout the team number. Later, he redeems himself by answering back-to-back 50-point questions.

Later, the students take their knowledge to the water. A few students, who attended from the night before, are dragging around the pool.

"I'm going on seven minutes sleep," said Ashley Creighton, 16, of Belleville. But she persists with her training because she thinks it is important.

"With so many jobs, it helps out," said Ashley who worked at Westhaven Concessions last year. "You learn a lot."

Sarah Normansell, 15, also of Belleville, who hopes to be a pediatrician someday, agreed.

"It's useful even just sitting by the pool watching my little cousins," Sarah said. Christen Locandro, 17, of Maryville used to be on the swim team at Gaslight Bath and Tennis Club in Collinsville. Now she plans to work there.

"I think it will be a great summer job," Christen said. In the water, the students are turned over to Ben Warren of Belleville, the pool instructor. His background as retired military is apparent in his combined coaching and coaxing of his charges.

"Keep moving, keep moving," he said as students hit the water for laps.

His tone lessened considerably and turned to concern when one student, after a second round of the pool, slowly emerged red-faced and worn.

"Are you OK?" he asked, extending a hand to the over-exerted girl. "Why don't you have a seat for a few minutes?"

Warren barked orders, and gave encouragement and an occasional jibe as students practiced dives and water rescues.

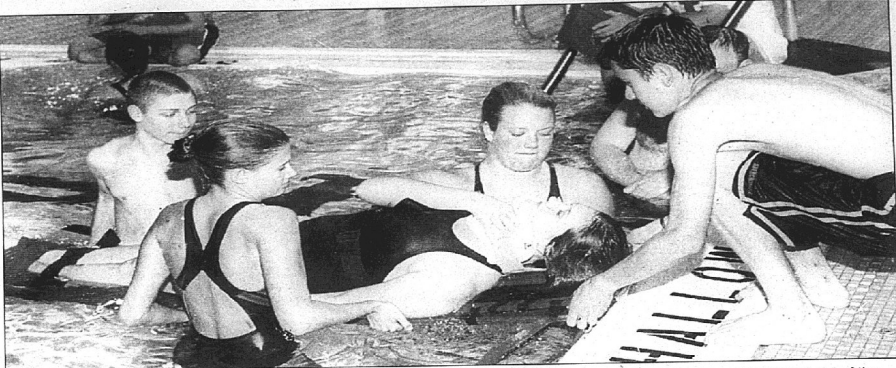
The students broke into small groups again and learn how to immobilize and remove an injured swimmer from the pool. After a short talk, students sprang into action. In one corner of the pool, Kelly Balaco of Collinsville got first-hand experience as she put a cervical collar onto one of her

fellow students.

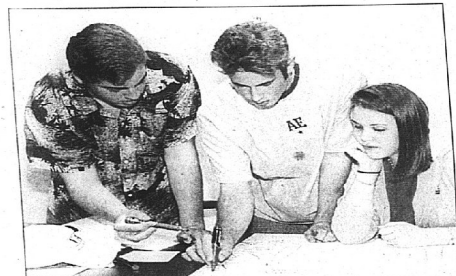
At the front of the pool, Brad Scharf of Millstadt attempted to "rescue" Jaclyn Riggs of Mascoutah. Fahey said 95 percent of the students will pass their examination. It will be a lesson not only in securing their lifeguard certification but also in responsibility.

"That's the best thing they learn is responsibility," Fahey said. "They're taking care of other peoples' lives and they need to learn how to handle themselves. Often, they do."

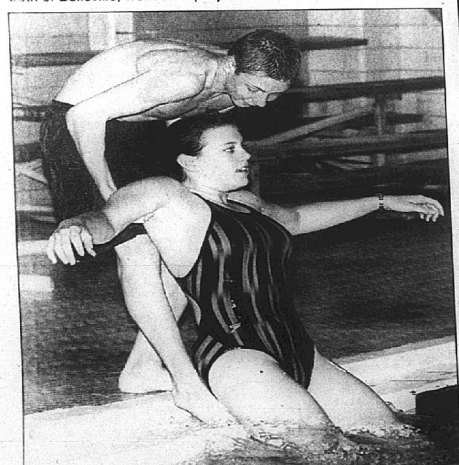
"I've followed up with some of the kids and you can see it in them," Fahey said. "They're really more mature than their counterparts."



Lifeguard student Stephani Weeks of Belleville, center, practices getting a spinal injury victim (Jennifer Gass of Belleville) out of the water. Assisting her are, from left, Bradley Scharf of Millstadt, and Ashley Creighton and Matt Lambiotte, both of Belleville.



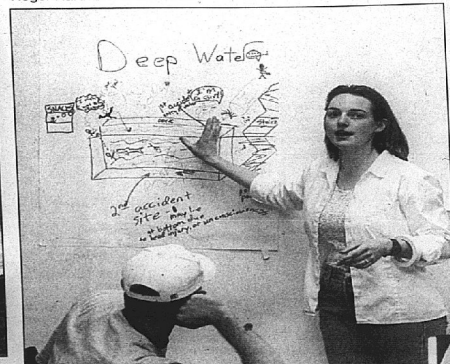
Chris Holmes of Collinsville, Steve Letsky and Erika Awsumb, both of Belleville, work on a project in class.



Lifeguard student Bradley Scharf of Millstadt pulls Amber Neiderkorn of Belleville out of the water.



Lindsay Hassall of Swansea practices saving YMCA lifeguard Roger Hartman of Belleville.



YMCA lifeguard instructor Christy Fahey talks about the dangers of water attraction to lifeguard students.

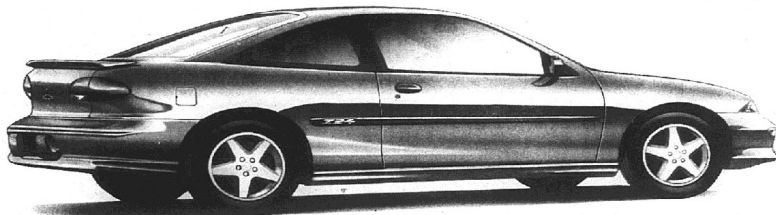


Kelly Balaco of Collinsville (left) and Lindsay Hassall of Swansea practice backboarding on Gretchen Moore of Swansea.



(Foreground) Cassie Rensing practices a rescue on Rick Gither, both of Belleville. In the background, Lindsay Hassall of Swansea does the same to Michelle Correll of O'Fallon.

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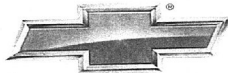
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